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From the Pastor

Well, we've almost made it. Another year is about to be written into the history books. It has been an interesting year, to say the least. It has been a year filled with joy and sorrow, a year of horrible, unspeakable tragedy and jubilant ecstasy. It has been the best of years; it has been the worst of years. Some would like to be able to relive the year, while for others it cannot be gone quickly enough. There are some statistics, however, which are uniform no matter how you feel about 2011. There were a total of 52 weeks, 365 days and 8,760 hours - sufficient time to accomplish many tasks.

Time, like our money, requires good management. We set priorities for the expenditure of our time just as we budget and prioritize the spending of our money. Yet, at the end of any given period of time, we mourn the lack of time to finish a specific task, just as we grieve our shortage of money. The writer of the Book of Ecclesiastes tells us, "There is a time for everything, and a season for everything under the sun."

We knew that, didn't we? But we still found ourselves "out of time" during parts of 2011.

Many thoughts run through our minds as we come to the end of this year, 2011. Perhaps the first and most pressing thought is the idea that this year has sped by so rapidly. "Why, it seems as if it were only a few weeks ago that we were in a similar position, looking at the last hours of 2010." How time flies in our society. Talk with anyone over the age of 50; they will tell you that time went by much slower "in the 'good' old days."

Truth of the matter is, when God created the day, He gave it a total of 24 hours. That has not changed over the millennia. What has changed, however, is how much we try to stuff into one 24-hour period. Somewhere along the line man decided he had to cram all of the "Times" of Ecclesiastes 3 into the smallest integer of time he could. The day seemed a likely and convenient period of time to use. Subsequently, time took on new attributes: the attributes of a world-class sprinter – speed and singleness of focus.

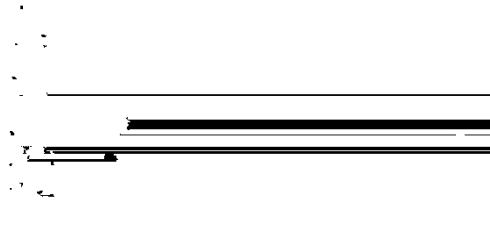
Solomon's thesis in Ecclesiastes 3 simply calls us back to the reality that no matter how much we attempt to rush it there is a time for everything. Many people rush through life at such a hectic pace that they do not have the opportunity to enjoy the time God has given them for their benefit and enjoyment. Some people go through life at such a fast pace that they think the only attribute a rose has is its thorns. If you are like that, I pray that God will grant you the grace to slow down in 2012, so that you can smell and enjoy the wonderful fragrance of the rose.

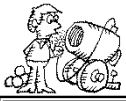
Take time this New Year – take time to enjoy God's creation; take time to enjoy the blessings He richly showers on you – the blessing of family and friends; take time to study His Word and grow in it; take time to worship and praise the God who made you, redeemed you and sanctifies you; take time to return to God a portion of the bounty He showers upon you.

I pray for you a blessed and prosperous New Year – The Year of Our Lord, 2012.

Shalom!

Pastor David Bernard





Paul Says...

Today's Advice: When a cop pulls you over and says "Your eyes look red, have you been drinking?" DO NOT SAY "Your eyes look glazed, have you been eating doughnuts?"

A New Beginning

Did you understand the Old Testament Lesson that was read in church last Sunday? I didn't. It came and went so quickly, how can anyone have time to think about it? Sure, it was a story from the Bible, and since it's from the Bible I suppose it's good for me to hear it. My mind didn't wander during the reading (this week), so I really did hear what was read, but to be truthful, an hour later all I could remember about the reading is how distant it had seemed to me. It was from a culture of thousands of years ago. I'm glad I didn't have to read the names of those places—I would never be able to say them without tripping over the syllables—and what does it matter anyway to people in 2012 central New York?

Actually, when I heard the Lessons read in church was not the only time I heard them this week. When I first read them during the week, I really did react like that. "Read it, it's good for you," sounds much like my mother's advice at the table so many years ago. The readings seemed distant and not really connected, not to each other, not to the hymns, and certainly not to me.

But spending time in the Word began to change all that. There are resources available that help me understand how it fits together. How Isaiah and Matthew connect. How the full meaning of the original Hebrew or Greek is sometimes hard to capture in English without creating text that would be

clumsy to read. How "the way of peace" that Isaiah wrote about in 59:8 becomes the light that shines out of darkness in 60:1-3, and this Way, this Light, is fulfilled as explained in 2 Corinthians 4:6: "God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of

the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

It has been my privilege for nearly three years to study the Bible with adults who gather around the Word for an hour every Sunday morning. I have learned *so* much from the experience, and discussions with other participants have made it clear that they have benefited not only by what they have taken away from the class, but by what they have brought to it. Surely it pleases the Holy Spirit to bless us richly through the Word.

We are about to challenge ourselves in a new way. Beginning on January 15, Pastor Bernard will assume primary responsibility for teaching the Sunday morning adult Bible study, and I will be among those who are available to fill in whenever Pastor is not available. We are excited that he will be sharing his many years of education, experience, and insights with us in this new way. Thank you, Pastor Bernard, for taking on this additional task for our congregation.

It has been a great learning experience for me to serve Grace in this capacity over these past years, and I am grateful to the congregation for affording me the privilege. I also want to thank Andrea Dodge and Dave Devan, as well as Pastor, for your willingness to lead the class in my absence. When undertaking a task that must be done every week, it removes a significant burden to have ready and willing assistance. Finally, I thank everyone who has participated in the class over the years. You have made the class so interesting and enjoyable for me, and I have learned more from you than you might ever imagine.

I look forward to continuing to participate in the class in the future, and I offer a New Year's resolution that I know will be a blessing to each of us as God's children: "In 2012 I will open my heart to receive God's Word by participating with other Christians in Bible study. May God enable me to humbly make this promise and to keep it."



Glen Bahr

Explanation of God

The following was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista, CA. He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to 'explain God.' I wonder if any of us could have done as well?

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

And...that's why I believe in God.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6

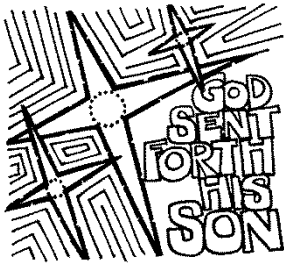
Submitted by Pat Clark from her sister Bonnie



Voice of the Shepherd

If you have a desire to sing, come along and join us as we rehearse each Tuesday, 6:00 PM.

All you need is a commitment of your time and talents. Please speak with the Choir Director, Karen Devan (761-4004) for more information. Holy Scripture tells us to rejoice with singing and to lift our voices to song.



The Kindness and Love of God Our Savior

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,¹

the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.²

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation [sacrifice of atonement] for our sins.³



But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.⁴

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.⁵

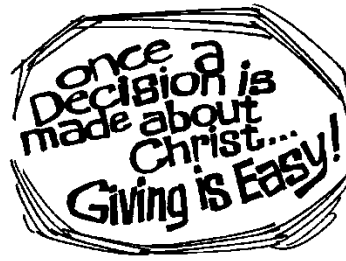
Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.⁶

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.⁷

¹Titus 3:4; ²Jeremiah 31:3; ³1 John 4:9,10; ⁴Galatians 4:4,5;

⁵John 1:14; ⁶1 Timothy 3:16; ⁷Hebrews 2:14;

Submitted by Glen Bahr



On Stewardship

We have just approved a deficit budget for the year 2012. We all know what this means. We need more income. I realize that like

Paul & I, most of us older generations are on a fixed income and for the most part, we are giving as much as we can. We try to contribute in other ways, such as donating our time and talents.

If you are able, I know with God's help you will raise your giving. The days of a dollar or two in the plate each week have long been over. A loaf of bread is three dollars these days. Our utility bills have gone sky high. Unfortunately, this means that the expenses of Grace are also going up. One of the line items marked utilities is \$11,000.00 just by itself. This does not take into account our mortgage, repairs and upkeep, insurance and supplies.

Keep in mind, that as Treasurer Kathy Pavelock explained, the 2012 budget does not include the worker benefits for Pastor. That will come out of a fund we have designated. The expense of \$19,251.00 will wipe out this designated fund at the end of 2012.

Please go over the budget you approved at the Voters meeting and prayerfully consider where you can help.

I know some things that you can do already that are not monetary. You can volunteer!! We need you to sign up to Usher, help with Altar Care, and be part of a cleaning team. We are in need of new blood. I think yours is just the one we are looking for.

May God bless and keep all of you, my church family with a bountiful New Year 2012. With God's help all things are possible and we can make our budget with His help and our commitment.

As of January 1, 2012, I will no longer be Stewardship Chairman, if you are interested in this position, please speak with Paul House.

*Thanks be to God
Pat Clark*

Sunday School Corner

Wow!! Wasn't the Children's Christmas Service on Sunday, December 18th, terrific? Not only could the animals talk, they could also sing! What a creative way to tell the story of our Lord and Savior's birth. Thank you so much, children, for the wonderful job you did in telling the message of the birth of Jesus. We are all very proud of you.

Our Sunday School and adult Bible Class will take a recess on Christmas and New Year's Day and our lessons will continue on Sunday, January 8, at 8:45 a.m. Please come prepared to hear more great news from God's Holy Word.

During the month of February we will concentrate on learning the books of the Bible, the Apostle's Creed, the Ten Commandments and the 23rd Psalm. We will also begin a memory verse program. Cookies and crafts will round out our activities and then we will return to our professionally prepared curriculum. There should be some fun for all.

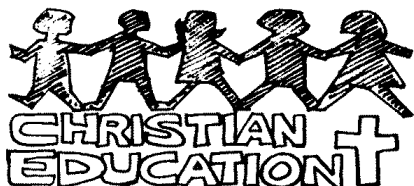
Pastor Bernard will be leading the Adult Bible Class on Sundays at 8:45 beginning on January 15th. We thank Mr. Glen Bahr and other deacons for leading this class over the past few years. They will continue to fill in when Pastor cannot be with us.

Please join me in welcoming Rebecca Harrington, Karen Devan, and Charlene Kirk who will be working with me on a Nursery/Cradle Roll for our baptized children. Mailings of materials will be sent out very soon.

Please continue to pray for our Sunday School programs and bring your children and grandchildren to join in the fun.

Thank You!

*Submitted by Linda Bahr,
Chairman of Christian Education*



The Knots Prayer

Dear God:

Please untie the knots
that are in my mind,
my heart and my life.

Remove the have nots,
the can nots and the do nots
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,
may nots,
might nots that may find
a home in my heart.

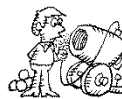
Release me from the could nots,
would nots and
should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all,
Dear God,

I ask that you remove from my mind,
my heart and my life all of the 'am nots'
that I have allowed to hold me back,
especially the thought
that I am not good enough.

Amen

Author Known To God



Paul Says...

*Some nights I drive to a cliff, stare blankly out into
the ocean and think really hard about my life, just in
case I'm part of a montage.*

'Twas the night before Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas, he lived all alone,
in a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,
and to see just who in this home did live.
I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,
no tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,
and on the wall pictures of far distant lands.
With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
a sobering thought came to my mind.
For this house was different, so dark and so dreary,
the home of a soldier, now I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,
curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.
The face was so gentle, the room in such disorder,
not how I pictured a United States soldier.
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho, the floor for a bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night,
owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.
Soon round the world, the children would play,
and grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,
because of the soldiers, like the one lying here.

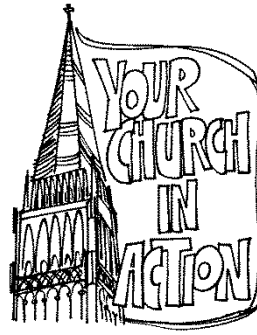
I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone
on a cold Christmas eve in a land far from home.
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.
The soldier awakened and I hear a rough voice,
"Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice;

"I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,
my life is my God, my country, my corps."
The soldier rolled over and soon drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it, I continued to weep.
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still,
and we both shivered from the cold evening's chill.

I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night,
this guardian of honor so willing to fight.
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,
whispered, "Carry on Santa, it's Christmas day, all is
secure."

One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas my friend, and to all a good night."

*By Lance Corporal James M. Schmidt
Submitted by Pat Clark*



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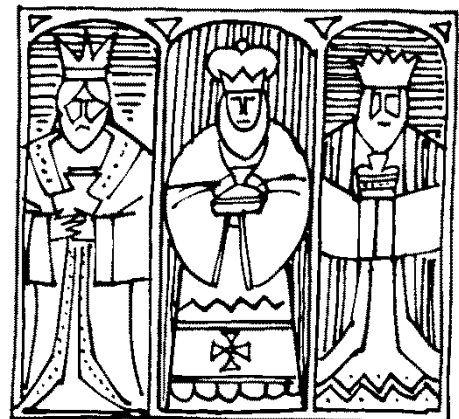
Happy New Year to all! It's time to refocus our efforts on living a Christ centered life. Prayerfully consider how to do that for your life and just maybe it will be something involving outreach.

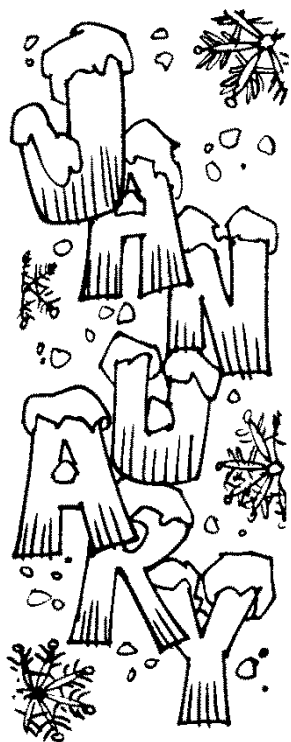
I've watched so many prayer shawls go out of our church to destinations near and far. Thank you so very much for knitting and crocheting the shawls. We have some very talented ladies who can really whip them up sometimes quickly. We appreciate all that you do to this keep this ministry going. I'm quite sure that we are well on our way to 100! Also, the donations of yarn have been a blessing for the knitters and crocheters. Thank you to those who contributed.

Keep your eyes and ears peeled for information about a Relay for Life Meeting. We are ready to get into gear with 2012 plans. We will keep the congregation posted as to when our project will be ready to support the team. Also, please consider becoming part of it. We will be looking for people to do specific jobs in the near future.

The committee will be meeting sometime in January to evaluate what their goals for 2012 will be. So, make an effort to support our events. We will need to be creative to find those links to our community.

*Jeri Devan
Committee Chairman*





Birthdays

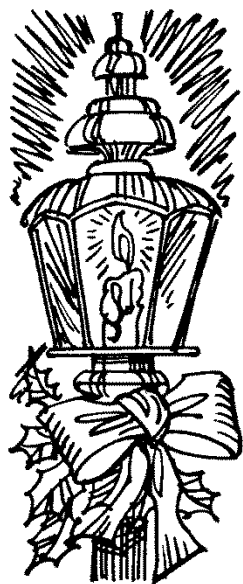
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Steven Minor
- 1/7 Linda Dishlaccoff
Andrea Dodge
- 1/9 Sandra O'Connor
Robert Smith
- 1/14 Kendall Seybert
- 1/15 Linda Bahr
- 1/16 Terry Hartman
- 1/18 Lorraine Warren
- 1/21 Tonya Everitt
Anna Gilbert
- 1/22 Christopher Devan
- 1/23 Jean Case
- 1/26 Toree Gilbert
Paul House
- 1/28 Kathy Pavelock
- 1/30 Tammy Moran
Derek Thomas

Baptismal Birthdays

- 1/1 Phillip Neumiller
- 1/7 Emilee' Gilbert
- 1/8 Dylan Narolis
Robert Smith
- 1/19 Lauren Warren
- 1/20 Joshua Harrington
Adam Moran
- 1/22 Mason Moran
- 1/23 Jean Case
Paul Clark Jr.
Kimberly Medley

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1/5 Fred & Dolly Fowler

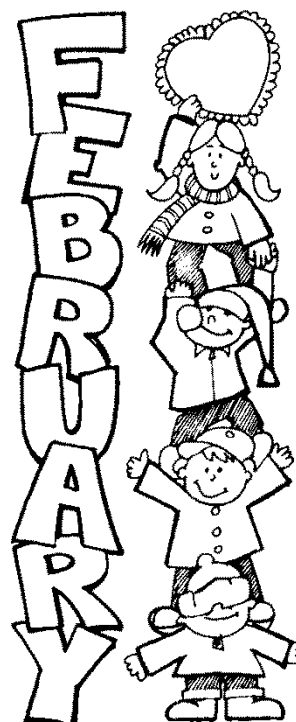


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- 2/1 Dontai Burton
Daniel Harrington
- 2/2 John Richmond
- 2/3 Jo Clemens
- 2/4 Jennifer Smith
- 2/6 James Clark
- 2/14 Noah Devan
Charles (Chuck) Flay
- 2/15 Ashley Croy
- 2/18 Bianca Brinck
Chad Brinck
- 2/23 Dana Narolis
- 2/26 Howard Jones
- 2/28 Bailee Underwood

Baptismal Birthdays

- 2/9 Mark Antl
Marie Romano
- 2/13 Melissa Varacalli
- 2/14 Noah Devan
Pearl Romano
Kendall Seybert
- 2/18 Lorraine Warren
- 2/22 Daniel Harrington
- 2/28 Marie Romano
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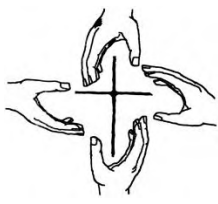
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Concerning Lent

From the Pastor

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

1. The day before Ash Wednesday, called Shrove Tuesday, is celebrated in many parts of the world with great feasts and celebrations?
2. In France, Shrove Tuesday is called *Mardi Gras* or *Fat Tuesday*? Perhaps this derives from the expectation that the housewife would use up all her fats and butter in baked goods before Ash Wednesday.
3. The use of ashes on Ash Wednesday is an ancient and meaningful custom with roots going back to Biblical times? (Matthew 11:21) The wearing of sackcloth and the use of ashes were signs of repentance. The ashes used in Christian churches today come from the burning of the previous year's Palm Sunday palms.
4. Fasting serves a useful and Christian purpose? The early church encouraged the faithful to fast on Fridays (the day Jesus died) and on Wednesdays (the day Judas betrayed Jesus). The food, which would normally have been eaten, was given to

the poor. This is the background and foundation for our Lenten denial.

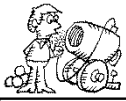
5. Pretzels had their beginning as a Lenten food? German bakers, in observance of the ban on the use of dairy products during Lent, decided to turn out a "legal" food which even looked "religious." The crossed arms of the pretzel were intended to represent a Christian at prayer, with his palms on opposite shoulders, making a crisscross of his forearms. The Latin word for shoulder is *Bracella*, which comes over into the German language as Pretzel.
6. Hot Cross Buns probably developed during strict fasts of the Middle Ages? Small loaves of bread were baked and marked with the sign of the cross on the crust. The Hot Cross buns we have today are probably too rich in shortening to have been a Lenten food in the Middle Ages.
7. The English word *Lent* comes from the folklore of the Germanic tribes? *Lencten* has the same root as *lengthen* and stands for the time of Spring when daylight increases and the days lengthen.
8. The forty days of Lent correspond to Jesus' forty days in the wilderness?

These facts about Lent, while perhaps interesting, are really not terribly important. The most important fact is that Jesus Christ suffered and died for your sins and my sins. Lent is a time to think about your sins and what it truly means that Jesus suffered and died for them. Lent is a time to draw closer to God; a time to worship more regularly and frequently; a time to read the Bible more diligently and a time to share the Gospel of Christ more enthusiastically. Lent is a *Quiet Place*. Lent is a closer walk with Jesus along the way of sorrows, the *Via Delarosa* toward the bright and glorious morning of Easter and the Resurrection.

Shalom!

Pastor David Bernard





Paul Says...

I use the self check-out aisle because I like to whisper "I own you now" every time I scan something.

Evangelism/Outreach

Relay for Life is getting into high gear. Prayerfully consider how you could help Team Grace be the best they can be. Keep your eyes and ears open to meeting times and events. Thanks to everyone for their support in the past and for 2012! (And if you don't know what Relay is, just ask — you'll be glad you did!)

The committee has been working to revamp our tri-fold pamphlet. It needed some updating and a new look. We will have a copy ready for the Health and Wellness Fair in March. It may not be the final copy, but it will be pretty close. We wanted it to be a multi-purpose brochure that we could hand out to visitors, but also take to events with us. We are open to suggestions as well.

Speaking of the Health and Wellness Fair, it will be held on March 15 at Canastota High School from 6pm to 8pm. It is a great way to meet and greet the Canastota Community. We will have several displays showing what Grace is all about. How about coming and checking it out?

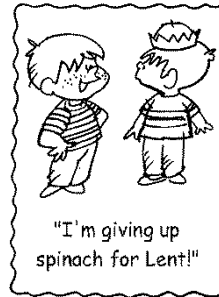
At this time we are not scheduling any social type events. The last events were poorly attended, which did not justify the time that was put into the event. We hope you understand, but they may return in the future.

We want to reach out to those around us to show them how good God is, so when is the last time you brought someone to church with you? Share the Lord with someone who needs His support.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
Teri Devan
Evangelism/Outreach Chairman

Vacation Bible School

Is it too early to think about VBS??? Maybe for some, but the planning is underway! I'm not going to give away the theme just yet, however my plea for volunteers is out! If you are interested in helping out at VBS this July, please let me know! The program will run from 6:00–8:30pm for one week (week yet to be determined), and for ages 4 through junior high!!! Whether it be music, craft, Bible stories or fun and games you may be interested in, we can use you! This is one of our biggest outreaches to our community, and for those of you who have helped before, you know truly what a blessing VBS is. So please let me know if you are interested in helping...and here's a clue to our theme this year: "The SKY's the Limit"



God Bless!
Beth Scholl
VBS Leader

Holy Humor

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth..' " (This one is my favorite)

Submitted by Gale Hedgecock

The Blacksmith's Shop

In the shop of a blacksmith, there are three types of tools. There are tools on the junkpile:

*outdated,
broken,
dull,
rusty.*

They sit in the cobwebbed corner, useless to their master, oblivious to their calling.

There are tools on the anvil:

*melted down,
molten hot,
moldable,
changeable.*

They lie on the anvil, being shaped by their master, accepting their calling.

There are tools of usefulness:

*sharpened,
primed,
defined,
mobile.*

They lie ready in the blacksmith's tool chest, available to their master, fulfilling their calling.

Some people lie useless:

*lives broken,
talents wasting,
fires quenched,
dreams dashed.*

They are tossed in with the scrap iron, in desperate need of repair, with no notion of purpose.

Others lie on the anvil:

*hearts open,
hungry to change,
wounds healing,
visions clearing.*

They welcome the painful pounding of the blacksmith's hammer, longing to be rebuilt, begging to be called.

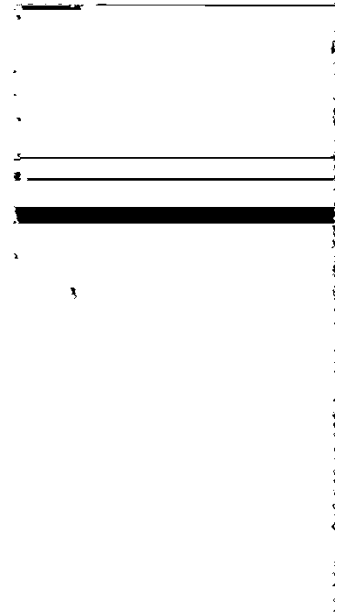
Others lie in their Master's hands:

*well tuned,
uncompromising,
polished,
productive.*

They respond to their Master's forearm, demanding nothing, surrendering all.

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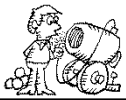
Submitted by Paul House



Playground Update

As Spring quickly approaches, you may notice some changes in the landscape. Plans will soon be underway to start piecing together a playground at Grace. This is something that has been in the plans for a while and is desperately needed for the children at Grace. What a great sight and statement to families with kids! Thank you not only to those who have donated monetarily, but to those who will be working on putting the plans in motion. The playground will be going in by the area near the fuel tanks and hill to the left of the church. We will have use of a machine to tear the top layer of sod off the ground, and swings will be the first to go in. God continues to bless us all here at Grace!

Submitted by Beth Scholl



Paul Says...

When your wife is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?"... don't answer.

Financial Peace University

To empower and give HOPE to everyone from the financially secure to the financially distressed.

Host Dave Ramsey takes a Christ-centered approach to financial well-being in this series of classes, where you will learn the seven Baby Steps to pull yourself out of debt and build long-term wealth, using the methods your grandparents used.

Learn to be financially responsible so you can acquire enough wealth to take care of loved ones, live prosperously into old age, and give *generously* to others. If you will live like no one else, later you can LIVE like no one else!

The 13-week program will start near the end of April and will be held on Sunday evenings at Grace. Please see Howard or Tina Jones to sign up.

Submitted by Aaron Bahr

Did You Know?

1. The Garden of Eden was in Iraq
2. Mesopotamia (which is now Iraq) was the cradle of civilization?
3. Noah built the Ark in Iraq?
4. The Tower of Babel was in Iraq?
5. Abraham was from Ur, which is in Southern Iraq?
6. Isaac's wife Rebekah is from Nahor, which is in Iraq?
7. Jacob met Rachel in Iraq?
8. Jonah preached in Nineveh, which is in Iraq?
9. Assyria, which is in Iraq, conquered the ten tribes of Israel?
10. Amos cried out in Iraq?
11. Babylon, which is in Iraq, destroyed Jerusalem?
12. Daniel was in the lion's den in Iraq?
13. The three Hebrew children were in the fire in Iraq?
14. Belshazzar, the King of Babylon, saw the "writing on the wall" in Iraq?
15. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, carried the Jews captive into Iraq?
16. Ezekiel preached in Iraq?
17. The wise men were from Iraq?
18. Peter preached in Iraq?

You have probably seen this one. Israel is the nation most often mentioned in the Bible, but do you know which nation is second? It is Iraq! However, that is not the name that is used in the Bible. The names used in the Bible are Babylon, Land of Shinar, and Mesopotamia. The word *Mesopotamia* means *Between the Two Rivers*, or more precisely, between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. The name *Iraq* means *Country With Deep Roots*. Indeed, Iraq is the country with the deepest roots, and is a very significant country in the Bible. No other nation, except Israel, has more history and prophecy associated with it than Iraq!

Submitted by Pat Clark



Hidden Books of the Bible

How well do you know the books of the Bible? There are 15 books of the Bible in the following paragraph. Some of them are found in whole words, some within words, and others among adjoining words. Can you find all 15? The answers will be in the next newsletter...



It's remarkable that there are hidden books in the Bible. The truth is people keep looking so hard to find the books and the facts within them. When they're found, it's a revelation. Some struggle; actually large numbers of people find it quite a job to look up verses when they can't find the books. But it's a most rewarding achievement for them to find the right place. If you can't find books of the Bible you can get into a jam, especially at a Bible study. Don't judge someone else until you've tried to find all these books. Yes, there may be some that are easy to spot. See if you can compete. Relax! One lady says she brews a cup of tea to help her think more clearly. I'll admit it usually is my thing (thinking games), but this one's a lulu; kept me working for more than an hour.

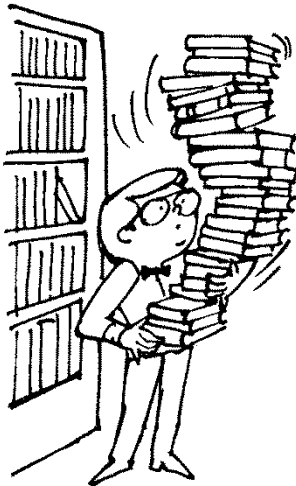
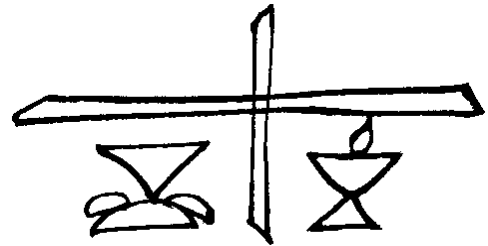
Submitted by Pat Clark

The Work of Christmas

by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels has ceased,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
Then the work of Christmas begins,
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the captive,
To rebuild the nations
To bring peace to brothers,
To make music in the heart.

Submitted by Pat Clark



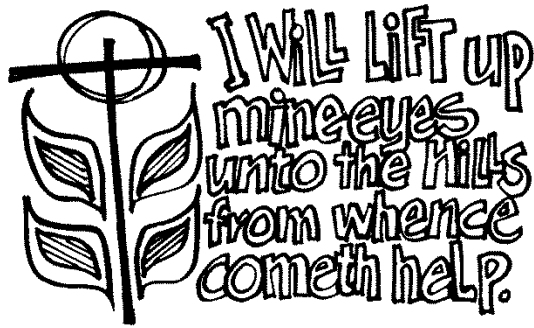
Newsletter News

Thank you to all who contribute to help make this newsletter great — it wouldn't be without you!

The next deadline for submitting articles is April 20, which I've marked on the calendar for convenience. It does help to receive the articles early so there isn't a sudden influx on the deadline, so please consider submitting your article early.

Keep watch in the coming months for more improvements to the newsletter. I've been discussing some ideas that I'm hoping will make the newsletter even better, so stay tuned!

Aaron Bahr
Newsletter Editor



Prayers

Please remember those in need and keep them in your prayers...

Especially the family and friends of James Manley, Jr., during their time of mourning...

Also, please remember those who serve in the military, Richard, Bill, Shirley, Amollia G., Lorraine Christie, Janice Evan Durant, Vanessa E., Sharon Knapp, Marie Townsend, Pauline Smith, Grover Hedgecock, Jean Case, James T. White, Christine Treece, Craig and Susan Hedgecock, Andy Pavlock, Lorraine Sobieraj, Jackie Grimes, Joyce Donaldson, Mark and Lucy McLaud, Alice House, Bob and Jen Hedgecock, Michael Miller, Mandie Egelston, Ann Eldred, Dan Smith, Tony Farrara, Mark Saunders, Wes Mallory, Ellie Russitano, Hannah Bernard, Robin Piersall, Hayley Miller, Jill Froelick-Jones, John Buggeman, Tim Haley, Annie Whitney, Adam Thomas, Linda Bahr, Glade Cook Jr., Matthew Brooks, Ed Snyder, John Wallace, Duane Terece, Bill Hedgecock, Billy, Molly Austin, and Savannah.



Voice of the Shepherd

If you have a desire to sing, come along and join us as we rehearse each Tuesday, 6:00 PM.

All you need is a commitment of your time and talents. Please speak with the Choir Director, Karen Devan (761-4004) for more information. Holy Scripture tells us to rejoice with singing and to lift our voices to song.



Birthdays

- 3/4 Jennifer Seybert
- 3/9 Mark Bahr
- 3/16 Bill Minor
- 3/17 David P. Devan
- 3/19 Daniel House
- 3/20 Paul Clark Sr.
- 3/21 Bailee Underwood
- 3/22 James Seybert
- 3/25 Addison Moran
- 3/26 Mya Varacalli
- 3/28 Fred Fowler

Baptismal Birthdays

- 3/1 Steven Minor
- 3/7 Dionne Underwood
- 3/8 Charles Flay Jr.
- 3/9 James Clark
- 3/10 Jason Flay
Jennifer Smith
- 3/16 Dana Narolis
- 3/19 Roger Warren
- 3/20 Tammy Moran
- 3/22 Robert Harrington
- 3/26 Howard Jones
- 3/28 Mark Bahr
- 3/29 Rebecca Harrington
- 3/? Glenna Deeley
Charlene Kirk

Wedding Anniversaries

- 3/6 Paul & Pat Clark
- 3/16 Joe & Kelly Gilbert
Pearl & Mike Romano
- 3/21 Paul & Darlene House

Birthdays

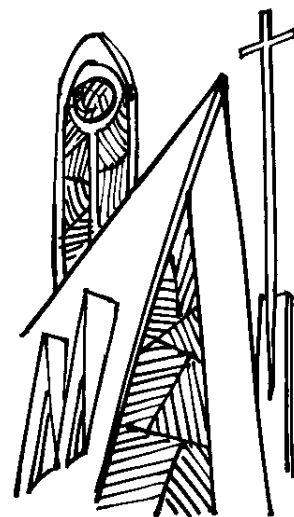
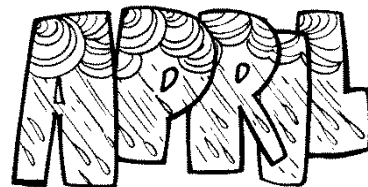
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- 4/14 Leslie Whitney
- 4/16 Phillip Neumiller
- 4/17 Betsy Dodge
- 4/19 James Harmon
- 4/24 Morgan Gualtieri
- 4/25 Doug Antl
- 4/26 Jake Devan

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- 4/16 Terry Hartman
- 4/18 Christopher Devan
Jake Devan
- 4/23 Kathy Pavelock
- 4/24 Dolores Antl
Linda Bahr
- 4/? David P. Devan
Ginny Wendt

Wedding Anniversaries

- 4/6 Teri & Steven Devan
- 4/21 Howard & Tina Jones
- 4/23 Marcia & Phillip Neumiller



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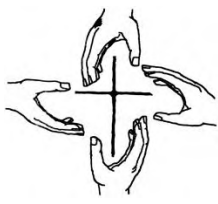
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From the Pastor

It's a pretty good crowd, don't you think, Pastor?" one of our members said as she shook my hand Easter Sunday. "Do you think it will make a difference?" "Will what make a difference?" I asked. "Easter," she replied. "Will Easter make a difference to all the people who were here? Or will tomorrow be just like yesterday and all the days before it?"

As we read the book of Acts, we find that the lives of the followers of Jesus were anything but wonderful and marvelous after His resurrection. For Stephen faith in Jesus meant a barrage of life-taking stones. For Paul it meant a prison cell and eventual death in Rome. For St. John it meant exile on a deserted island, far from the rest of civilization; for St. Peter it meant crucifixion on a cross, upside down. For those who followed Jesus, Easter made a difference, all right, a spiritual difference.

First, the resurrection difference was the knowledge that they were living in the presence of a risen, living Savior. They had seen Jesus, dead and buried, and now He was alive. Three days before Easter Sunday they were sure Jesus was dead. They were sure that God had abandoned not only Jesus, but also them. Then, on Easter, their world was again turned upside down. Jesus was standing in their midst, talking with them, eating with them, and fellowshiping with them. God had not abandoned them. Christ was alive.

Even today, when there are times it seems God has abandoned us, and we all have those times, the truth is it is we who have moved away from God, not God who moved away from us. Even when we question why God does not intervene and do something; why evil seems to have the upper hand, why God seems so oblivious to our pain and our tears, why He appears to be silent in the face of our tears and prayers, the Resurrection difference is that God is right here with us, walking along beside us, holding our hand, upholding us, and carrying us when the journey becomes too wearisome.

Secondly, the Resurrection difference meant a profound sense of peace to the Disciples. Jesus came to His followers and said, "Peace, be with you." The peace of the resurrected Christ was not a tranquil and serene life; neither was it the absence of conflict. Rather, the Peace of Christ is an intangible sense of being well, the deep and abiding conviction that all is well between God and you and that you have nothing to worry about because God is in control.

Thirdly, the Resurrection difference means new life: new life in Christ; life marked with a higher purpose. The disciples declared, "We have seen The Lord!" But Thomas had not experienced this Resurrection Difference. He was still living his life, doing his own thing. "I will not believe, until I see, until I touch. In the meantime, leave me alone." And Jesus said, "Thomas. Come see, come touch. Do not doubt, believe." It was then Thomas experienced the difference. You and I experience the Resurrection difference in the same Word, in the Eucharist. Jesus calls us, "Come, see. Come hear. Come, Take and eat, take and drink. It is really I."

Finally, the Resurrection difference is power. When Jesus spoke His word of peace, He breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." God not only gives us Christians a job to do, He also gives us the tools, the know-how and the power to get the job done. He gives us the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit that gives us the power, the courage, the strength to cope with the problems and difficulties of life.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ made a real difference to the followers of our Lord in the first century. In time they were bolder, freer, more open, more courageous, more loving. Of this there is no doubt. But, the question is still with us: the question asked by the woman on Easter, "Will Easter make a difference," for you, for me? It can, of course. We can be new people, turned on for Jesus, living in His peace, sharing His love, His Gospel. We can live as newly recreated sons and daughters of the Risen Lord, putting aside selfish pride, self-centered ideas and actions, using the gifts He so richly and freely gives us to love and serve Him and our fellow man. It is all a matter of faith: not faith in ourselves and our own abilities, but faith in the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us. And it all starts with a heart-felt confession, the confession of Thomas: "My Lord and my God." Let Christ's Resurrection make a difference in your life.

Pastor David Bernard

God Is In Control

"Be still, and know that I am God..." — Psalm 46:10a

Anyone who has children in their lives has probably uttered "Be still!" on more than one occasion. For any number of reasons. You may even know "antsy" adults you would like to tell to "Be still!"

In Psalm 46, God is telling His children to, "Be still". Enough already, stop spinning your wheels," He admonishes us. God wants us to realize that He is the One in control.

No amount of worrying, fretting, or concern on our part can change anything. In fact, God views those reactions as distrust.

God is telling us, "Be still. Turn it over to Me. I know your concerns; they are My concerns, too. What you care about, I care about. Trust Me. Believe in Me. Be still. I can handle it." God instructs us to bring whatever is troubling us to Him in prayer, and then His Spirit helps us to be still as we await His answer. Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me" (John 14:1).

"Be still my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev'ry change He faithful will remain."

Heavenly Father, help me always to put my trust in You. Send Your Holy Sprit to calm my soul. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Mustard Seed: Comfort from the Psalms (LWML)
Submitted by Pat Clark



Paul Says...

I was wondering why the frisbee was getting bigger.....then it hit me.

Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you are new to our family at Grace and have not given your information to our newsletter editor, Aaron Bahr, please take one of the pink forms on the corkboard in the foyer, fill it out and give it to him.

Evangelism/Outreach

There's not a whole lot new at this time. The tri-fold is in its final stages. We used a crude version for the health and wellness fair. We're going to tweak it, so it can be given to our visitors and handed out at events.

How many of you know someone who has survived cancer, is currently facing a new diagnosis, is undergoing treatment, or has succumbed to cancer? This is why we do Relay for Life. So that we can... to quote the American Cancer Society... celebrate more birthdays. If you haven't been involved with Relay for Life, now is a great time to start. We're looking for some helpers and some walkers. It's called Relay because someone from the team should be walking the whole time. I believe that the time from the Luminary Ceremony to the next morning is the best. I strongly recommend seeing the Luminary Ceremony, which is the time to honor those we hold dear to us who have or have had cancer. Please listen for the activities we've got planned for the next few months. Prayerfully consider how you can be a part of Relay for Life. It's not about the money we raise; it's about a whole lot more.

You're right; we haven't scheduled events for quite a while. If there is something you'd like to see happen, then plan it. The Evangelism committee would certainly be willing to pitch in and help. So, get creative and see what we can do to have the community come out to Grace!

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
Teri Devan
Evangelism/Outreach Chairman



Do We Remember?

Do we remember the ones who fought
with their lives
To protect our country from
oppression;

In wars of the past, still remembered,
making worldwide impression;
It is said that we strive for world peace,
standing with our brothers, side by side
Then we turn and say; "Trying isn't worth our time",
and when the world's at war they may say; "We tried"
and really believe it inside.

Do we remember the ones who died, fortifying the
American dream with flesh and blood;
'They're the ones who fought, without recognition,
For our country's good;
Day by day, year-by-year, their memory grows further
Into the past;
It slowly fades, until someday it will be forgotten,
Then we say; "boy that was fast!"

If they are not remembered, the fight wasn't worth their
time,
I ask, "Do we remember," and can answer "Yes!"
Within the depths of my mind.

This poem was written to honor our heroes by James Clark
when he was 13 years old.
Submitted by Mom

Relay for Life

Garage Sale: May 12th, 9:00a

Gently used items would be appreciated. We are asking
that no clothes be given, as they don't move.

Anyone interested in donating a few hours to help would
be greatly appreciated. This was a good money maker and
I'm sure it helped get rid of items we all hate to throw out.

Sandy O'Connor is collecting money for the luminaries, so
please have the money turned in to her quickly. The next
Captain's Meeting for Relay will be May 9. This will be
the only time Teri or I can get the bags.

Luminary Bag Decoration: May 19th, 10:00a

All are welcome to help. Last year the kids helped and they
did a great job!

Submitted by Jeanne Griffin

Benefit for John Wallace

There will be a Benefit for John on Saturday,
May 19, 2012 at the VFW on Canal Street,
Canastota, NY. John was diagnosed with lung
cancer April of 2011. His cancer has now
metastasized.

Proceeds from Benefit go to medical expenses.
There will be a 50-50 raffle, bake sale, silent
auction, live bands and lots of dancing and
good food.

5 and under, free. 6 and up \$10.00, couples
\$15.00.

John & Judy are active members of Grace
Lutheran Church, Canastota.

If you would like to donate for the sales, call
697-9727 or 963-2062. Your help would be
greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Pat Clark
on behalf of John & Judy Wallace

Morals may address more than business

It's been a while since I've offered up a compilation of my favorite column-ending morals — arguably among my readers' most requested articles. Besides reviewing all the topics we've covered, these morals remind me that a few words can have a big impact.

I will admit right now that no matter how hard I work on the two pages that precede it, I take extra pains to get the morals just right. If a reader remembers nothing else, the moral will serve as a quick lesson that usually applies to much more than business.

Here are some of the nuggets mined from the last three and a half years.

- Change your thinking, change your life.
- It's not enough to know how to do things — you must know why you do them.
- The best way to sound like you know what you're talking about is to know what you're talking about.
- If you hit enough singles, sooner or later you are going to win big.
- Instead of giving myself reasons why I can't, I give myself reasons why I can.
- Doing the right thing is never the wrong thing to do.
- An attitude of gratitude should have wide latitude.
- When a person's temper gets the best of him, it brings out the worst in him.
- It's never too late to become what you could have been.
- If you're looking for a big opportunity, look for a big challenge.
- If you want to be heard, you must know how to listen.
- If you want to be successful, you must practice reciprocity without keeping score.
- We do what we have to do so we can do what we want to do.
- If you live in the past, you won't have much of a future.
- What could you accomplish if no one told you it was impossible?
- You don't have to know everything as long as you know the people who do.
- It's OK to ruffle a few feathers from time to time. Show some pluck!
- The team you build will determine the business you build.
- To get what you've never had, you must do what you've never done.
- Be prepared, or be prepared to fail.
- Even the turtle knows you have to stick your neck out to get ahead.
- Don't be afraid to take the plunge — just test the water before you dive in!
- Finding a reason to celebrate isn't hard work — hard work is a reason to celebrate!
- Giving someone a piece of your mind rarely gives you peace of mind.
- The person who asks may feel like a fool for five minutes, but the person who does not ask remains a fool forever.
- If you want to outsmart the competition, you have to outthink the competition.
- Good luck usually depends on good judgment.
- Don't be afraid to make a decision. Be afraid not to make a decision.
- When you can't afford to make a mistake, good advice is priceless.
- What you learn on your first job will last through your last job.
- Don't let hard times turn into end times. Let them lead to your best times.
- Thank U is a college from which we should never graduate.
- Minds are like parachutes — not much good unless they are open.
- My goal is to be as good a person as my dog thinks I am.
- If you can't be an expert, hire an expert.
- Some people dream about success, and others wake up and do something about it.
- People have a way of becoming what you encourage them to be.
- A person without knowledge is like a house without a foundation.
- The world's work is done every day by people who could have stayed in bed, but didn't.
- It only takes a little spark to ignite a great fire.
- Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new end.

Mackay's Moral: As Ben Franklin said, "A word to the wise is sufficient."

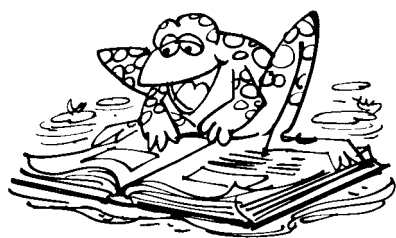
Harvey Mackay
Submitted by LeeDella Longway

Hidden Books of the Bible Revealed

Here are your answers from the last publication quiz!

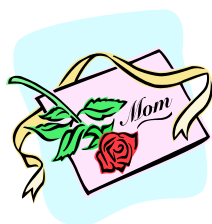
It's remarkable that there are hidden books in the Bible. The truth is people keep looking so hard to find the books and the facts within them. When they're found, it's a revelation. Some struggle; actually large numbers of people find it quite a job to look up verses when they can't find the books. But it's a most rewarding achievement for them to find the right place. If you can't find books of the Bible you can get into a jam, especially at a Bible study. Don't judge someone else until you've tried to find all these books. Yes, there may be some that are easy to spot. See if you can compete. Relax! One lady says she brews a cup of tea to help her think more clearly. I'll admit it usually is my thing (thinking games), but this one's a lulu; kept me working for more than an hour.

Submitted by Pat Clark



Everything Mom

How did you find the energy, Mom
To do all the things you did,
To be teacher, nurse and counselor
To me, when I was a kid.
How did you do it all, Mom,
Be a chauffeur, cook and friend,
Yet find time to be a playmate,
I just can't comprehend.
I see now it was love, Mom
That made you come whenever I'd call,
Your inexhaustible love, Mom
And I thank you for it all.

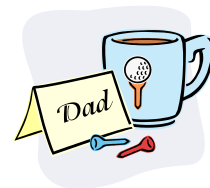


Joanna Fuchs



Life Lessons

You may have thought I didn't see,
Or that I hadn't heard,
Life lessons that you taught to me,
But I got every word.
Perhaps you thought I missed it all,
And that we'd grow apart,
But Dad, I picked up everything,
It's written on my heart.
Without you, Dad, I wouldn't be
The (woman)(man) I am today;
You built a strong foundation
No one can take away.
I've grown up with your values,
And I'm very glad I did;
So here's to you, dear father,
From your forever grateful kid.



Joanna Fuchs



Paul Says...

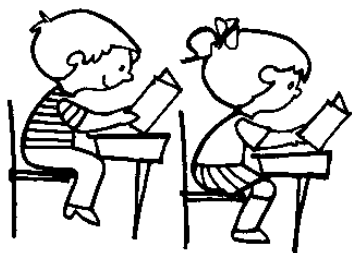
Instead of "Push top to open" it should read, "Jam a dent in the side of the cardboard with your index finger repeatedly to no avail. Talk to the box. Try and bite it a little. Yell at the box. You know what? Forget it. Cut the whole top off!"

The Time You Spent

Classes came,
Classes went,
It's worth a lot,
The time you spent.
Congratulations
Are now due
To the graduate,
Special you!



Submitted by Pat Clark



Kid's Corner

Wow! What a great Easter Sunday worship service! Weren't the flowers beautiful? Did you notice that the Easter lilies were placed in the shape of a cross? Their sweet, heavenly scent filled the church. That scent is something I remember from early childhood days and I welcome it every year. It is something that has to be a part of Easter for me. I thought the cross that you helped decorate with flowers was beautiful, too. Thank you all, so much, for making it so pretty.

Didn't Pastor Bernard look stunning in his robes? In liturgical language the robe he was wearing is called a chasuble (chaz-ah-bull). These are worn at times of celebration.

Indeed, Easter is a time of celebration. This is the time we remember the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The darkness of sin was crushed for us by Him and He brings the Light of life to us forever.

Everything in the worship was done in a manner of celebration. Did you notice how happy the music sounded? Our choir and congregational singing celebrated the message of Christ's resurrection.



Voice of the Shepherd

If you have a desire to sing, come along and join us as we rehearse each Tuesday, 6:00 PM.

All you need is a commitment of your time and talents. Please speak with the Choir Director, Karen Devan (761-4004) for more information. Holy Scripture tells us to rejoice with singing and to lift our voices to song.

The church colors for Easter are white and gold. Did you notice that the front banners were white and gold? Everything all fit together for a fine Easter celebration.

Did you get a chocolate candied lamb? Those were made for us by Mrs. Karen Devan. She used lamb shaped candy molds donated by Mrs. Charlene Kirk in memory of her mother, Lorraine Strom. Mrs. Strom used to teach Sunday school and every Easter she would make chocolate lambs and give them to the children to remind them that we are all lambs of Jesus.

The colorful jelly beans at Easter remind us of sin, death, grace, forgiveness, life and eternal happiness that we Christians have through our Baptism and belief in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

It was fun to hunt for colored eggs, too. I hope you all discovered what was lovingly put inside those eggs by members of our church family.

Our church will be celebrating Easter for a few more weeks. Come and see, hear, taste and feel the love of Christ that will be waiting here for you.

Linda Bahr

At Council

The following is an independent account of the Church Council meetings that have been held since the last newsletter. It has not been endorsed or approved by the Council itself. It is a summary of the discussions at the meetings and may not cover all topics that were addressed.

March 20, 2012

Treasurer provided a report and noted donations of \$10,000 toward a parking lot and \$600 toward a playground.

Christian Education reports that Sunday School classes are preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter, and will work on the memorization program in the following weeks. The date for VBS has not yet been set.

LWML reports about the upcoming convention in June and Spring Rally in May. Discussed success of Health & Wellness Fair participation.

Evangelism reports upcoming Relay for Life events and Family Movie event, as well as continuing work on completing the tri-fold brochure.

Property Care reports that town officials will be inspecting the premises monthly now for fire safety. Stained glass windows are getting set to be posted on Craig's List. Quotes for parking lot construction will be received once specifications can be produced.

Board of Deacons reports an individual has been approached to fill the role of Head Usher. No response has been given yet.

Howard and Christine Jones have agreed to run for Stewardship co-Chairs. They will be presented before the next voters assembly to be voted into this position.

Paul House and Steve Devan will review proposed changes to the bylaws so these changes can be recommended to the next voters assembly.

No New Business was brought forward during this meeting.



April 17, 2012

Treasurer provided a report and recommended moving some funds to cover utility and mortgage payments for the remainder of the year. Concern was voiced over the current financial status of the church, and after some discussion it was agreed to bring this concern to the next voters assembly.

LWML discusses the upcoming rally and excitedly reports receiving a \$3,700 grant for the Burmese Mission Project.

Music reports that the action for the piano has gone to the shop for repairs, unfortunately surpassing the established music budget. The piano is expected to be in service before the next worship. In addition, Karen has requested Aaron to play organ on alternating Sunday mornings, beginning in May. Aaron accepted. Dana will continue to serve in absences and in winter as before.

Publicity reports shortage of letters for the road-side sign and requests ordering one additional set of lettering.

Property care reports the stained glass windows have been posted on Craig's List. No viable offers have been received yet. Spring Cleaning is planned for April 27 & 28. The tractor, which had broken in the fall, is now functioning normally again for no apparent reason.

In New Business, Grace has won from Camp Pioneer one night of retreat for an individual, couple, or family to be given to one of its members. This will be brought to the voters during the next assembly.

The Council will be exploring a proposal to join the Canastota Church Community.

The electrical grounding issue (concerning the static pops heard regularly in the sound system) was discussed. Certain Council members do not believe the building grounding is insufficient, but it was recommended to bring in a sound equipment professional to assess the situation.

Compiled and Submitted by Aaron Bahr

Prayers

Please remember those in need and keep them in your prayers...

Remember those who serve in the military, our family of Grace, Richard, Bill, Shirley, Amollia G., Lorraine Christie, Janice Devan Durant, Vanessa E., Sharon Knapp, Pauline Smith, Grover Hedgecock, Jean Case, James T. White, Craig & Susan Hedgecock, Andy Pavelock, Lorraine Sobieraj, Jackie Grimes, Joyce Donaldson, Mark & Lucy McLaud, Alice House, Bob & Jenn Hedgecock, Michael Miller, Mandie Egelston, Ann Eldred, Dan Smith & Tony Farrara, Mark Saunders, Wes Mallore, Ellie Russitano, Hannah Bernard, Robin Piersall, Hayley Miller, Jill Froelick-Jones, Tim Haley, Tyson Fowler, Annie Whitney, Adam Thomas, Linda Bahr, Glade Cook Jr., Ed Snyder, John Wallace, Duane Treece, Bill Hedgecock, Billy, Baby Savannah, Cody Metott, Matthew Brooks, Barbara, James & Rebekah, Lance Manley, Trudy & Cheryl, Christine Treece, Carmilla Spartano, Glenna Deeley, Duane, and Valerie.



The Paschal Candle

Have you been wondering why the Paschal candle is not lit all the time?

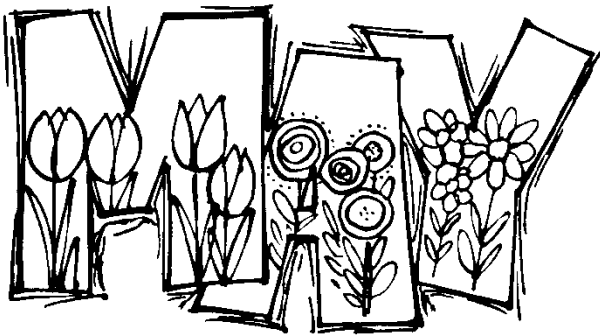
Traditionally, the candle is lit at the Easter vigil (Saturday) and continues to be lit each week until either Ascension or Pentecost and then moved. The symbolism of the Paschal candle is to remind us of Christ's victory over the darkness of sin and death, and is most appropriate for the Easter season. This symbolism will be appreciated also for services of burial of the dead regardless of what time in the church year they occur.

Birthdays

5/2 Madeline Neumiller
 5/11 Katie Devan
 5/16 Barbara Hartman
 5/18 Louise Snyder
 5/19 Pastor David Bernard
 5/22 Bianca Brinck
 5/26 Adam Thomas
 5/27 Tenea Harmon
 5/28 Jessica House

Baptismal Birthdays

5/4 Barbara Brinck
 5/6 Velma Smolsey
 5/9 Leslie Whitney
 5/19 Jacob Whitney
 5/22 Bianca Brinck
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 Madeline Neumiller



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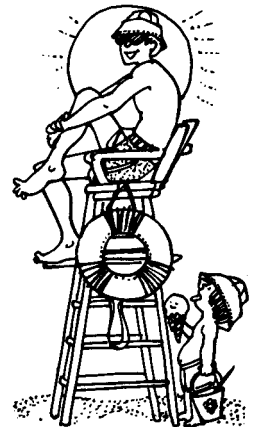
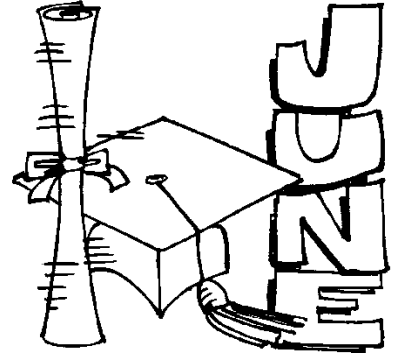
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 6/7 John Pavelock
 6/9 Ashley Gualtieri
 6/10 John Flay
 6/12 Kate Hurre
 6/14 Teri Devan
 6/15 Ann Eldred
 Gail Flay
 6/22 Floyd Whitney Jr.
 6/25 Christina Wall
 6/28 Kimberly Medley

Baptismal Birthdays

6/3 Gail Flay
 Marilyn Jones
 6/10 Ashley Croy
 6/13 Addison Moran
 Bailee Underwood
 Kailee Underwood
 6/14 Colton Underwood
 6/18 John Richmond
 6/21 John Pavelock
 6/22 Tom Jones III
 6/27 Pat Clark

Wedding Anniversaries

6/2 Charles & Gail Flay
 6/4 Gail & Albert Hood
 6/15 Krystal & DeLarno Burton
 6/25 Leslie & Floyd Whitney Jr.
 6/29 Hoyt & Gale Hedgecock



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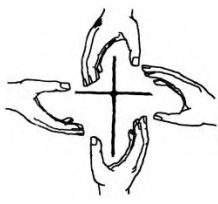
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From the Pastor

It's Summer. Life has slowed down. The living is easy. Schools are out. Vacation schedules are of immediate concern. Where will we go? What will we do? Go to the beach? Go to the mountains? Camp in the park? Summer is so short. Weekends are so precious. We must take full advantage of every moment. We must be good stewards of our summer.

It's Summer. What is going on in the church? Not much? Oh, yes, there are thoughts of Vacation Bible School. How hot will it be this Sunday? Will the fans be of any help? There are no special services: Easter, Christmas, nothing like that. Our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Church call this part of the Church Year, Ordinary Time. Nothing special going on. Routine, ordinary services. Missing a few won't make any difference: sort of like missing an episode or two of your favorite soap opera.

Ordinary Time — yes, but if we look at our relationship with God and the church we will find some pretty Extraordinary things going on. Take a look, for example, at the color of the Paraments and Vestments next time you come to worship. Green is the color of life and growth.

The new green of Spring has given way to the bright, brilliant green of Summer. Look around you and see the magnificent dark green of the evergreens; the brilliance of color. However, all too soon the end of Summer will display a faded green. How Extraordinary — the constant change of life, of green — and, yet, it is still green.

Now look at our Congregation: the newly baptized; the resident of the nursing home. How fast the children grow up and change. How quickly life moves us forward. Yet, we remain, Chosen Children of the same Heavenly Father — all of our lives.

Extraordinary Things are happening. In the Post-Pentecost Gospels, Jesus teaches us through parables — little stories about the Ordinary stuff in life that contain Extraordinary meaning. The hymns, the sermons, the Liturgy reflect the theme of the lessons for us — as Ordinary as we are, God has Chosen and He uses us for some Extraordinary Things.

Ordinary Time? Sure. But some very Extraordinary Things are happening. Enjoy your Summer — it will not last — but don't neglect your faith or your worship. There is time, God has given each of us twenty-four hours in each day — give some of that time back to Him. God has some Extraordinary news for you and for me, His Chosen, Ordinary people.

I hope to see you at worship this Summer.

Pastor David Bernard



Mary-Martha LWML

Several of us LWMLers from Grace recently attended the Eastern District LWML Convention. This biennial convention was held in Lancaster, PA at the Willow Valley Resort area, June 8–10. The theme of the convention was based on Isaiah 54:10 “... *my steadfast love shall not depart and my convent of peace shall not be removed* ...” As always, I returned refreshed and inspired!

What do we do at conventions? We attend worship services (Friday and Sunday), we approve a mission budget for the next biennium, vote for new officers, approve by-law amendments, hear from mission oriented speakers, and most importantly, select and order grant recipients for the next biennium.

At this convention, delegates voted to fund eight projects for a total of \$24,400. Project #4 is for Gospel outreach materials to start a resource center for Muslims, Hindus, and Sikhs in the Utica, NY area. This was sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church in Utica, NY, one of our sister churches in the Central New York North LWML Zone!

Officers elected to a four year term included: Yours truly, Kathy Pavelock for Vice President, Communications; Ruth Wurster, Buffalo Zone for Recording Secretary; Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone for Financial Secretary; and Rev. Cory Eckstrom, Central New York South Zone for Pastoral Counselor.

Mary-Martha Meetings will be in recess for the summer. We are planning to have a get-together/bible study at **Karen Devan’s sometime this summer. Please keep watch** in the bulletin for the details.

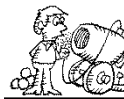
Also over the summer, we normally register for the Fall Retreat. Some of us have already registered for the Eastern District LWML Fall Retreat at Camp Pioneer September 14–16. I encourage all the Ladies of Grace to consider going to the Retreat. Please see the back bulletin board for a registration form or ask me for one. I would be happy to submit your registrations.

Our LWML Society is still collecting used printer ink cartridges, etc., and returnable containers to help raise money for the LWML National Convention in Pittsburgh

2013. Specifics for these two items are in the weekly bulletin. June 2013 is **not that far away**, so keep ’em coming!

Last, but not least, while at the convention we had the privilege to hear from a speaker from the Orphan Grain Train. I learned that they have a drop off spot in Glens Falls, NY. I also learned that they like us to clean out our closets and dressers and donate the used clothing to the Orphan Grain Train, where they are distributed to those in need, either here in the USA or abroad. I am going to take on the task to collect this clothing and take periodic trips to Glens Falls. My first trip will be in August. Please bring your used clothing to Church in a garbage bag. I will **gladly take them and store them until my first “adventure”** in August.

In His Service
Kathy Pavelock
President, Mary-Martha LWML



Paul Says...

When I was a kid, I used to like to get glue on my fingers so I could peel it off when it dried. I dunno why I brought that up, but I know I'm not alone here.

Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you are new to our family at Grace and have not given your information to our newsletter editor, Aaron Bahr, please take one of the pink forms on the corkboard in the foyer, fill it out and give it to either him or Pat Clark.

Today

Today I'll do what should be done
That I have long ignored,
And I will fill this day with deeds
That Jesus would adore.
I'll help my neighbors and my friends
With needs for which they pray,
And I will visit sleeping loves
In places where they lay.
I'll give of self and all I own
To crown this given day
And cater to my loves of life,
Who share the prayers I say.
I will not shun a single heart
That pleads for love or care,
But give to them the gifts of grace
God gives to me to share.

Written by Michael Dubina

Submitted by Pat Clark



Grace Lutheran Church Family Assistance Fund

In 2003, Grace Lutheran Church established a fund that could be used to assist any family with financial hardships. The families who benefit from these donations do not have to be members of the congregation. The Board of Deacons and the Pastor decide on distribution of these funds. When a need is identified, they request funds from the treasurer. Only the Board of Deacons and the Pastor know who the recipient is. The Family Assistance Fund is replenished each year with 1% of the approved annual budgeted income. Of course, anyone may make a donation at anytime of the year for this fund. Simply identify that you wish the donation to go towards the Family Assistance Fund. If anyone knows of a family or individual in need, please speak to the Pastor or to one of the Deacons.

In His Service,
Kathy Pavelock
Treasurer

Relay for Life

I would like to thank all the people in the congregation that donated time and money to the Relay for Life. Special thanks to Linda Bahr and her girls for decorating the luminary bags (which came out beautifully!), and Sandy O'Connor for keeping the cash straight with her sharp precision and getting it to the committee quickly. The team raised a total of \$2,319.

Many thanks to the Relay team. We are Small but Mighty with God!

Submitted by Jeanne Griffin
Relay Captain

Voice of the Shepherd

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All you need is a commitment of your time and talents. Please speak with the Choir Director, Karen Devan (761-4004) for more information. Holy Scripture tells us to rejoice with singing and to lift our voices to song.

More to “Going Green” Than You May Think



Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman that she should bring her own shopping bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment. The woman apologized and

explained, “*We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days.*”

The cashier responded, “That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations.”

She was right — our generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull, but *we didn't have the green thing back in our day.*

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every shop and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. *We didn't have the green thing in our day.*

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 220 volts — wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right. *We didn't have the green thing back in our day.*

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house—not a TV in every room—and the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of Madison County. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gas just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right. *We didn't have the green thing back then.*

We drank water from a fountain or a tap when we were thirsty instead of demanding a plastic bottle flown in from another country. We accepted that a lot of food was seasonal and didn't expect that to be bucked by flying it thousands of air miles around the world. We actually cooked food that didn't come out of a packet, tin or plastic wrap and we could even wash our own vegetables and chop our own salad. *But we didn't have the green thing back then.*

Back then, people took the bus, and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mothers into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances, and we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza joint.

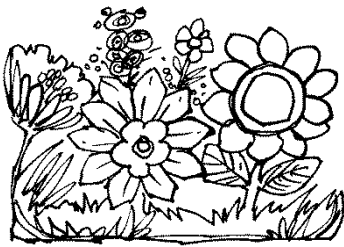
But isn't it sad that the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?

Submitted by Pat Clark

Financial Peace University

Christine and I are proud to announce how successful Grace's second *Financial Peace* class has been. We are only halfway through the class and 95% of the class has completed Baby Step 1 by having \$1,000 in their emergency funds. One couple has already paid off \$3,000 in debt! We have had two couples cut up their credit cards and everyone has completed their budgets. We could not be more proud of this group! We would also like to welcome Pastors Tony and Sara Paredes from South Bay Chapel to our Class. Christine and I plan on working closely with Tony and Sara on future *Financial Peace* classes. I highly recommend this class for all of our parishioners; no matter what your current financial situation is. This class teaches you to handle money God's way right out of the Bible! The next class will be completely revamped from this one. The new class will be 9 weeks instead of the current 13 weeks. Christine and I have seen the new class and it is fantastic, and we cannot wait to bring it to you! Please come see either Christine or myself for information.

God Bless All,
Howard Jones



2012 Eastern District Convention

The 2012 Convention of the Eastern District, Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod was held at Daemen College, Amherst, New York on June 15, 16 under the theme **CHOSEN**; based on 1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light”

During the course of the convention the following people of interest to Grace members were elected to their

respective offices: The Reverend Chris Wicher, President, The Reverend David Bernard, Vice President – Rochester Region, The Reverend Walter Schneider, Circuit Counselor – Central New York North circuit, Mr. Mark Lambrecht, Lay Director Board of Directors – Rochester Region, Mrs. Kathy Pavlock, Lay member – Nominating Committee.

The resolution to encourage our congregations to make disciple-making a top priority, to support and participate in local and regional mission initiatives was approved. District leadership is challenged to establish new mission and ministry starts, to train and develop lay leaders and to form clusters of congregations that will work together as we move into the future that God has prepared for us.

Resolution 1-02 encourages the Board of Directors to form a task force to assist congregations in seeking opportunities to “reinvent” themselves in order that the Kingdom of God might grow in their communities.

The Circuits of our District were re-aligned to more accurately express demographics and facilitate equitable representation at Synodical conventions. This puts us in agreement with the restructuring of Synod in the 2010 Convention.

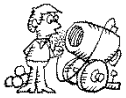
A resolution to exclusively use only the Lutheran Service Book at all District Gatherings was defeated.

The convention heard about a team of Evangelists from Eastern District congregations who attended Nik Walenda's wire walk across Niagara Falls as an intentional Christian Witness presence.

Delegates voted on what Mission and Ministry emphases should be forwarded to Synod through the Eastern District Board of Directors as a memorial to the 2013 Synod Convention at St Louis. The following were voted the top three and will be submitted:

1. Small Church Ministry Support and Material
2. Men's Ministry Encouragement and Resources
3. Evangelism Training

Submitted by Pastor Bernard



Paul Says...

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you are one of the hundreds of parachuting enthusiasts who bought our "Easy Sky Diving" book, please make the following correction: on page 8, line 7, the words "state zip code" should have read "pull rip cord."



Kidz Korner

Yea! School's out! We have ten full weeks of vacation! I bet you thought it wouldn't come quick enough. I hope you all did well in school and brought home a report card you can be proud of.

While school is out, our Sunday School will be on recess. We will start up again on September 9th. Some of you will move up to a different grade and a different teacher. Others of you will move up a grade but keep the same teacher as you had this June. Our Kindergarten class will resume as we welcome some new students that are now ready to begin Sunday School. We look forward to a big welcome for them.

While Sunday School is on recess, church is not. We hope to see you in church with your parents and visiting relatives and friends. We will also have a VBS again this year during the third week of July. We will have sessions

Prayers

Please remember those in need and keep them in your prayers...

Remember those who serve in the military, our family of Grace, Richard, Bill, Shirley, Amollia G., Lorraine Christie, Janice Devan Durant, Vanessa E., Sharon Knapp, Pauline Smith, Grover Hedgecock, James T. White, Christine Treece, Craig & Susan Hedgecock, Lorraine Sobieraj, Jackie Grimes, Andy Pavelock, Joyce Donaldson, Mark & Lucy McLaud, Alice House, Bob & Jenn Hedgecock, Michael Miller, Mandie Egelston, Ann Eldred, Dan Smith & Tony Farrara, Mark Saunders, Wes Mallore, Robin Piersall, Hayley Miller, Jill Froelick-Jones, Tim Haley, Alaya Johnson, Jean Case, Tyson Fowler, Dick Hopsicker, an 18-year-old boy suffering from myocarditis, Glade Cook Jr., Matthew Brooks, Annie Whitney and Duane Treece, Billy, Baby Savannah, Elaine & Eddie Levandowski, Cody Metott, Carmilla Spartano, Judy Williamson, Marge, Mary, Lee Della Longway, Joe & Alice Spear, Josh Sobieraj, Kendall, Glenda and family, Mallory, RJay, Christine, Christie, Kenny, Ethan, and the Mongar family.

during the evenings, 6:00–8:30 beginning July 16th. There will be songs, games, Bible lessons and crafts. Don't forget the great treats that are prepared for you each night, too. There will be lots of fun things to do. Invite your friends to come with you as we look to the sky.

Summer fun goes quickly, but while it is here, enjoy the longer days, warmer weather, days at the park, camping, grilled hot dogs and burgers and, of course, those delicious S'mores! Take the love of Jesus with you wherever you go and look for ways that you can serve Him. His promises are sure and His ears are always open. Take time to pray and thank Him for His blessings.

Have a great summer! See you in September for Sunday School.

Linda Bahr
Chairman of Christian Education

At Council

The following is an independent account of the Church Council meetings that have been held since the last newsletter. It has not been endorsed or approved by the Council itself. It is a summary of the discussions at the meetings and may not cover all topics that were addressed.

May 2012

Council does not meet in the same month as a quarterly Voter's Assembly.

June 19, 2012

A quorum was not present at this meeting. No voting was possible.

Treasurer provided a report noting that receipts were higher than usual for the month of April. However, total receipts were still less than total disbursements.

Christian Education announces that Sunday School is in recess for the summer, and reminds Council about the upcoming VBS program. Planning is underway for Fall 2012, and the reinstating of a Kindergarten class.

LWML reports on the recent Eastern District Convention, attended and enjoyed by a number of ladies from Grace. Distribution of money from the \$3,700 Burmese Mission Project grant has begun.

Music Chairman was not able to attend. An unofficial report was given by Aaron Bahr, stating the choir will sing once more on June 24, and then go into recess for the summer.

Property Care reports that a party is interested in buying all remaining stained glass windows. Council members in attendance recommended to sell the windows, pending **review of the Voter's Assembly decision which authorized**

placing the windows on Craig's List. Steve Devan will meet with Barry Kirch on Thursday to make progress with **repairing the church building's roof and ceiling.** The Town of Lenox, which had requested use of our parking lot for storage during an upcoming water project, will need to be named as additional insurers so Grace will remain faultless if anything should happen. Documents will be required to this effect before any items may be stored.

A request to use the fellowship hall & kitchen for a family reunion has been changed to June 29, 1:00 pm.

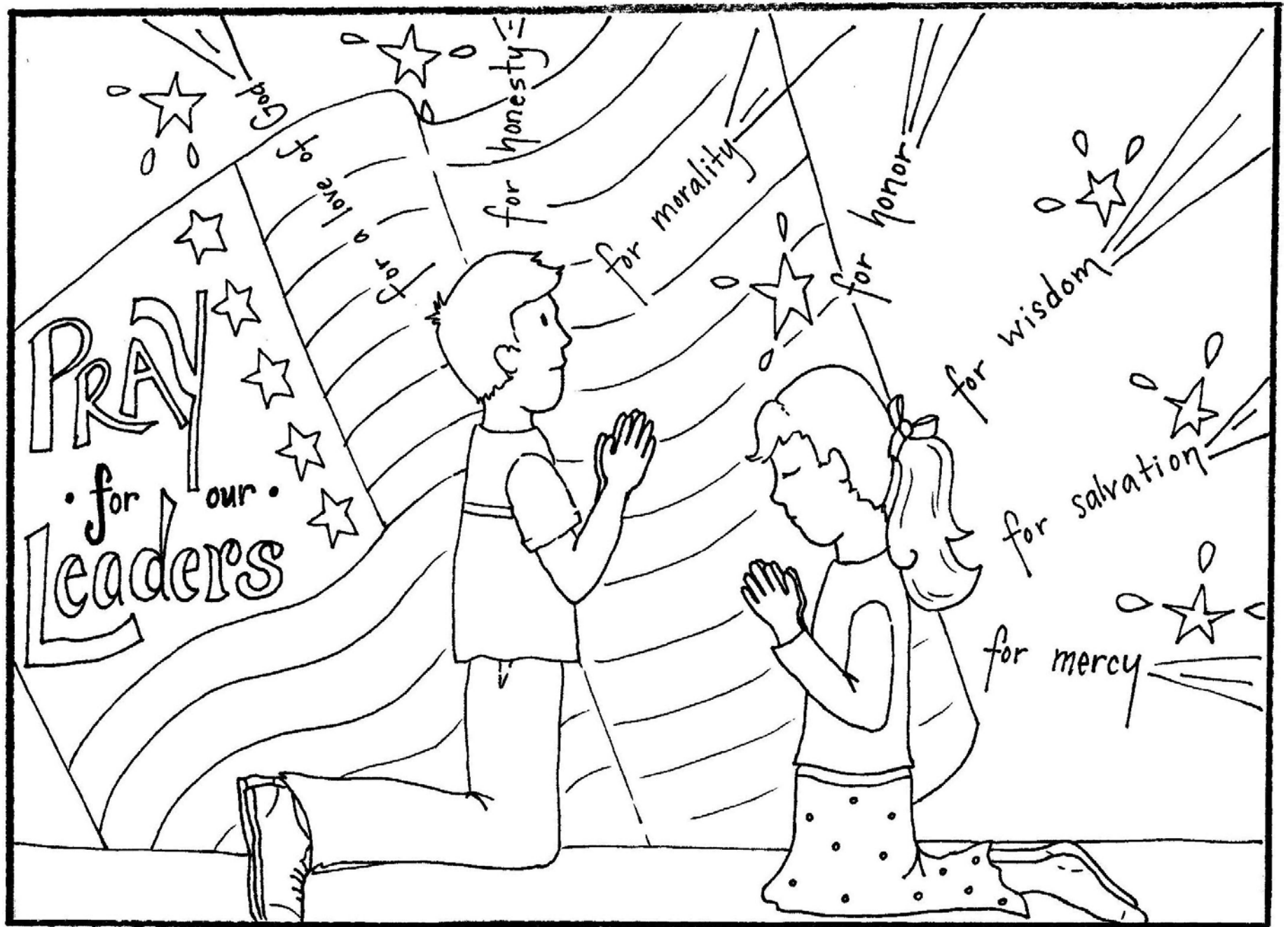
Elder was unable to attend. Deacon Glen Bahr gave an unofficial report, reminding Council that Pastor Bernard will be attending a family reunion in Texas on June 24, so there will be no communion that Sunday.

In Unfinished Business, all work on paving the parking lot has been put on hold until the Town of Lenox water project has been completed and all equipment and supplies have been removed. Changes to the bylaws have been completed, and will be presented to Council during the next meeting for review and discussion. Council will post **proposed bylaws at least 30 days before the next Voter's Assembly.**

In New Business, additional bulletin board locations were discussed, as current arrangement of bulletin boards has not proven effective at distributing pertinent information. Three trees have been planted in front of the church, purchased with donations through Mary Martha LWML.

Paul House has submitted a letter of resignation as both Deacon and Congregation President. Further details were unavailable at the time of the meeting.

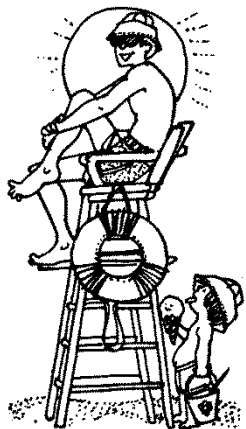
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- 7/3 Joe Underwood
- 7/4 Kurt Medley
- 7/7 Charles Flay Jr.
- 7/9 Ruth Bernard
- 7/10 Gail Hood
Annie Whitney
- 7/11 Hoyt Hedgecock
Dionne Underwood
Millie Weismuller
- 7/15 Joshua Snyder
- 7/16 Lyle Stevenson
- 7/19 David Thomas
- 7/22 Karen Devan
- 7/26 Krystal Burton
Jason Flay
Devin McCormick
Judy Wallace
- 7/27 MacKenzie Eaton
Jane Gualtieri
Mackenna Narolis

Baptismal Birthdays

- 7/3 David Gilbert
Toree Gilbert
- 7/4 Tonya Everitt
- 7/14 Ann Eldred
- 7/15 Betsy Dodge Wise

Wedding Anniversaries

- 7/1 Tom & Rachel Jones
- 7/2 Charlene & David Kirk
- 7/11 Adam & Danielle DelaRoche
- 7/12 Linda & Glen Bahr
- 7/16 Lyle & Nelda Stevenson
- 7/18 Tammy & Adam Moran
- 7/19 Rev. David & Ruth Bernard

Birthdays

- 8/1 Benjamin Scholl
- 8/3 Joseph Jones
- 8/4 Anita Thomas
- 8/7 Summer Wall
- 8/9 Susan Dodge
- 8/11 Aaron Thomas
- 8/14 Rev. Ben Bahr
- 8/15 Greg Scholl
- 8/18 Gale Hedgecock
- 8/22 Paul Clark Jr
- 8/24 Ashlee' Gilbert
- 8/28 Dana Smith
- 8/31 Rose Fidler



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Wedding Anniversaries

- 8/12 Karen & David Devan
- 8/15 Jim & Velma Manley
- 8/19 Kate & Chris Hurrele
- 8/22 Katie & David C. Devan
- 8/26 David & Linda Dishlacroff

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See anything incorrect or missing on this page? Is your name misspelled? Did we get a date wrong? Let us know! Please send a quick email to the editor, aaronbahr@gmail.com, or call Aaron at 271-5932 to make any corrections.

Sunday Evenings

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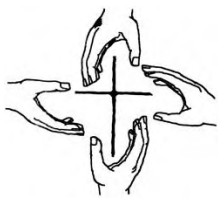
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From the Pastor

We are a society obsessed with food. Put us in a buffet and they have to use small plates – so we do not stock up for the whole week with one plate. Right along with our obsession with food is our obsession with losing weight. Andy Rooney once remarked that the two biggest sellers in any bookstore were the cookbooks and the diet books. The cookbooks tell you how to prepare delicious looking and tasting food and the diet books tell you how to avoid eating it.

A scientist in California has computed that the average human being eats 16 times his or her own weight in an average year. A horse, so the scientist has determined, eats 8 times its weight. The conclusion, obviously, is quite clear: if you want to lose weight, you need to eat like a horse.

Orson Wells once said, “My doctor has advised me to give up those intimate little dinners for four, unless, of course, there are three other people dining with me.”

A recent survey found that 41% of men and 55% of women consider themselves overweight. And those who mourn their excess weight have been known to go to extraordinary— OK, ridiculous lengths to shed a few pounds. Example: A mail order company came out with “Slim-Skins,” plastic pants with a “patented” hose connection. Simply connect the hose from your vacuum cleaner to the pants via the “patented” connector, start your vacuum cleaner and enjoy the results. They claim their pants will remove two-and-one-half- inches from your waist; four inches from your stomach; two inches from your hips; three inches from each thigh. Oh, yes, it will also remove about \$2,500 from your bank account, all in about twenty minutes.

If only we were this obsessed with spiritual food. You would think that many Christians today were on a spiritual diet the way they seem to take “just enough” nourishment to survive.

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” When He said that the people around Him replied, “Sure, Jesus, whatever you say.” But then, they questioned – “Who does this guy think he is? We know His parents. We know where He was born and raised. He is certainly no one special. Bread of life, indeed.” And they took offense at Him.

No group of people has been more wrong. “I am the living bread that came down from heaven,” Jesus declared. The one and only Son of God who came to seek and to save those who were lost, lost in their sins, lost in their doubts, lost in their hunger. Those who were estranged from God.

Mark was brought up a Lutheran, but he said that he was never very impressed by the church, all the ceremony, the liturgy, the Sacraments. He claimed he did not really understand most of what went on in the church, at worship. After high school he did not set foot in a church for about ten years. After college and graduate school he got married – yes in the church. It would be five more years before he would enter the church again.

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From the Pastor (cont.)

Mark and his wife were blessed with the birth of a son. He was the joy of their lives. Two years after his birth, their son was killed in an automobile accident. Nothing anyone said could touch or comfort Mark. He felt empty. A week after the funeral Mark and his wife decided to attend worship at the Lutheran Church where the funeral had been held.

As he sat there Mark became painfully aware of how far he had strayed from the God who had sent His own Son to suffer and die for him. He was empty inside, starving, spiritually anemic.

Mark and Kathy went to Communion that morning. He remembers that as the Pastor stepped in front of him and offered him the bread he said, "This is the Body of Christ, broken for you." Mark says he experienced a flood of God's love going from his mouth to his toes as he ate the bread. Mark and Kathy reaffirmed their faith and became members of the church. In fact, Mark entered Seminary and in six months, God willing, will be ordained into the Holy Ministry

You and I come to the same altar; receive the same nourishment. Our hunger is satisfied, our emptiness filled with the same bread of life. Jesus feeds us with His Word, He calls us to, "Come take and eat; take and drink. My body and My blood, given and shed for you."

When Jesus fed the 5,000 there was plenty left over – enough to feed many more. There are countless souls outside these walls who hunger and thirst for the truth of God's Love and Grace in Christ Jesus. The Epistle Lesson from last week reminded us that we are all ministers, called by God to share His love with others.

When we leave here today we can truly say that we have been fed with the Bread of Life. In Word and Sacrament God nourishes us and promises that those who eat of this life-giving bread which came down from heaven will never die.

Dear friends of Jesus – when we have finished eating here today at the Lord's Table there will be an abundance of leftovers. Our God is a bountiful provider. Take some of

this Bread of Life with you. Share it with someone who is hungry or empty.

"I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me and eats will not be hungry." Are you physically full but spiritually starved for the Living Bread? Come to the Lord's Table and be filled. Then, give the food you receive here to another who is dying of hunger.

Pastor David Bernard



Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you are new to our family at Grace and have not given your information to our newsletter editor, Aaron Bahr, please take one of the pink forms on the corkboard in the foyer, fill it out and give it to him.



Statement in Response to U.S. Supreme Court Ruling on Health Care Reform Law

June 28, 2012

In light of today's ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), we remain opposed to the controversial birth control mandate, which is one of the requirements included in the law.

The Court's decision today guarantees that we will continue to bring awareness to the threat to religious liberty represented by the birth control mandate, which requires virtually all health plans, including those of religious organizations, to cover birth control drugs and products that could cause the death of the unborn. We are opposed to the birth control mandate because it runs counter to the biblical truth of the sanctity of human life and creates a conflict of conscience for religious employers and insurers, who face steep penalties for non-compliance based upon their religious convictions.

We will continue to stand with those who have filed suit in the many religious freedom cases pending against the birth control mandate. Through education and civic advocacy, we will continue to educate the public about the vital necessity of protecting our First Amendment right to act according to the tenets of our faith. We remain steadfast in our opposition to the birth control mandate and will continue working to ensure our right to refrain from paying for products and services that conflict with our doctrine about the sanctity of all human life.

And, regardless of the Court's decision on the health care reform law, we in the LCMS will continue to uphold the sanctity of all human life while we care for the sick and work to restore the health and well-being of people in our communities and around the world.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Matthew C. Harrison".

The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

That's Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd	<i>That's Relationship!</i>
I shall not want	<i>That's Supply!</i>
He maketh me to lie down	
in green pastures	<i>That's Rest!</i>
He leadeth me beside	
the still waters	<i>That's Refreshment!</i>
He restoreth my soul	<i>That's Healing!</i>
He leadeth me in the	
paths of righteousness	<i>That's Guidance!</i>
For His name's sake	<i>That's Purpose!</i>
Yea, though I walk through the	
valley of the shadow of death	<i>That's Testing!</i>
I will fear no evil	<i>That's Protection!</i>
For Thou art with me	<i>That's Faithfulness!</i>
Thy rod and Thy staff,	
they comfort me	<i>That's Discipline!</i>
Thou preparest a table before me	
in the presence of mine enemies	<i>That's Hope!</i>
Thou annointest my head with oil	<i>That's Consecration!</i>
My cup runneth over	<i>That's Abundance!</i>
Surely goodness and mercy shall	
follow me all the days of my life	<i>That's Blessing!</i>
And I will dwell in the house	
of the Lord	<i>That's Security!</i>
Forever	<i>That's Eternity!</i>

Face it, the Lord is crazy about you.
I thought this was pretty special, just like YOU!!!
What is most valuable, is not what we have in our lives,
but WHO we have in our lives!

*'Do not ask the Lord to Guide your Footsteps if you are not
willing to move your Feet'*

Peace.



Evangelism/Outreach

God truly blessed us with a wonderful summer! For me, it means time to have a change of pace, catch up on projects and come up with the mission of what Evangelism could do in the upcoming year.

Yes, the Tri-fold will be completed by the end of September. It will be checked and rechecked with some several sets of eyes. Many thanks go to Aaron for his help and patience with this project.

The committee will be meeting some time soon as well. There are a number of things we are looking at doing for this year which will be helpful to our community of Canastota. We hope the members of Grace will be supportive to these efforts. As always keep your eyes and ears open to what's going on.

Relay for Life has been a huge success again this year. Hurray!!! To all those who helped make this happen. We continue to work on fundraising ideas that will have little impact with big results. So, keep your eyes and ears peeled for those events.

Just so you know—We post our information about our events on the bulletin board back by the emergency doors. Please take time to check out what's back there. Also, that's where any sign up sheets will be located.

Please consider being part of the group or be willing to lend a hand or even participate in the events that get planned. We put in time and effort to bring quality events but without you coming to them, the events aren't as successful as they could be.

Let's get out and show the community just who we are and that we run on God's power of love and forgiveness, compassion and caring, knowing that Jesus is the one who makes it all possible.

Hope to see you at some event this year!

Respectfully Submitted,
Teri Devan
Evangelism Chairman

Financial Peace University

God's way of handling money

Financial Peace University is a class that Christine and I teach to the community to help our neighbors get out of debt and on the road to building wealth and giving. We teach this class to pay forward the blessings we have received from this class; we receive nothing but the satisfaction of helping our neighbors and community to build a strong future for their families.

Dave Ramsey created Financial Peace after becoming a millionaire and then losing everything to bankruptcy and foreclosure. Dave and his wife Sharon had to start over from nothing. They found a close relationship with Jesus, and they also knew they never wanted to experience the pain of financial hardship again. Dave studied the Bible as well as successful Christians and decided he and his wife were going to put in place the principles that he learned. Over the next ten years, Dave once again became successful by implanting what he learned not only from reading in the bible, but from how the successful Christian families lived. Along the way, Dave built a business sharing what he learned, helping literally millions of people get out of debt with a class he calls Financial Peace University. Dave shares his ministry of freedom from debt everyday on his radio program, The Dave Ramsey Show. Dave now not only teaches families how to get out of debt, he now has a class for businesses, and one for churches.

Financial Peace University is a 9-week class that uses **simple steps called "the baby steps" to get out of debt and build wealth.** In this class you will learn about saving money, living on a budget, debt reduction, insurance, investing, becoming a student without a loan, debt collection, mortgages, and most importantly how to build and share wealth. This system is easy to follow, and all of these principles come right from the bible!

When Christine and I took this class three years ago for the first time, we were over \$70,000.00 in debt, with no hope, no sleep, and plenty of fighting over money. Using this class over the last three years, we have become debt free with the exception of our mortgage. The added benefit of this class is that it forced Christine and I to take

a good look at ourselves, it brought us back to the Church, and we are now closer to each other than ever before.

Christine and I are very passionate about this class because we know it works. This class works whether you earn \$10,000 or \$100,000 yearly. Millions of people have become and remain debt free all over the world thanks to Dave Ramsey and his Financial Peace University, and you could be next.

Howard F Jones



Fall Cleaning 10/29/2012 – 11/19/2012

Sign up with a friend or work as a family. Pick a room you would be willing to clean from top to bottom; AND, pick your own day and time within this time period. Responsible for inside of any windows; vacuuming ceilings, washing tables & chairs, etc. Sign up will be posted in the fellowship area. Cleaning supplies in the supply closet. Perhaps more people will be able to help this year. Many hands make light work!

God's Blessings & Thank you!

Dana Smith
Property Care Chair
697-9450



Voice of the Shepherd

If you have a desire to sing, come along and join us as we rehearse each Tuesday, 6:00 PM.

All you need is a commitment of your time and talents. Please speak with the Choir Director, Karen Devan (761-4004) for more information. Holy Scripture tells us to rejoice with singing and to lift our voices to song.

Many of us are unable to do physical stuff anymore but we can still be a teacher, greeter, usher, reader, acolyte and other duties that only require one hour on Sunday morning. Please check the servant lists in the back hall and put your name down.

Not only has God given us this beautiful world to live in and take care of, He has also given us the talents to earn a living to take care of our families.

In turn He wants us to be joyful givers, giving back part of what He has graciously provided so that His work can continue. My prayer is that we will all find it in our deepest of hearts to become more active in the ways that truly count. Participate in the worship services, teach SS, help with the building and grounds upkeep and increase our giving as we are able.

Submitted by Pat Clark

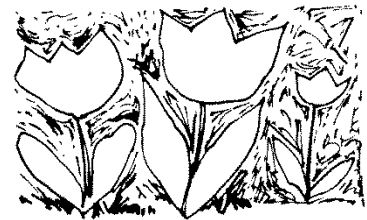
I've Been Thinking

I know for many of you, this comes as a huge surprise but I really do think sometimes before I speak!

I have been thinking about what Our Lord and Savior is thinking about us at Grace. What does He think when he sees the pews only half full? Does he feel sad knowing that we need to hear the Word? Does He get angry when we find other things to do on Sunday morning? Or does He just feel terribly sad knowing that Satan is hard at work seven days a week and most of us give Him one day? He knows that humans being what they are, are sometimes swayed to be of the world, not just in the world but He loves and forgives our weaknesses daily.

We have been given gifts from God (our time, treasure & talents) and have done the hard work of laboring long to build this beautiful house of worship. This is only the beginning. Now it is our responsibility to care for not only the church of Grace (our people) who are our main concerns but to care for the building as well.

As long has been the practice, all our labors for the church except the Pastor, Organist & now office manager have been volunteered. This means the lawn care, the cleaning of the inside and outside of the building, any upkeep and repairs must come from those of us who are able.



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HELP NEEDED FOR OUR 3rd ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

10/27/2012

FREE ADMISSION

Will include Chicken BBQ, \$8.00; Hay Rides, Pony Rides, Face Painting, Bake Sale, Pumpkins, Games, the Talking Pumpkin & the Spook Walk. The Manley & Wallace families put a lot of energy, time, and most of all – Love – into this event, for which all proceeds go to the Mortgage Reduction Fund @ Grace. We need volunteers to help out with the different events and we are also looking for donations of products: charcoal, small pumpkins, canned soda, catsup, mustard, relish, dinner & hot dog rolls, candy, picnic tables, canopies.

Let's make this year's the best yet!

315-697-9450 or
315-335-9834

Dana Smith

Kidz Korner

Wow!! What a summer!! Lots of sun and boy, was it HOT!! Lots of places had very little rain, which we think is nice until we realize that crops, trees, flowers, streams, rivers, and lakes are drying up. We need the rain to keep everything in balance. We are thankful for both the sun and the rain.

Now, September is upon us and our summer vacation from school is ending. I hope many of you were able to come to our VBS in July. I **couldn't be there this year and I missed you.** My husband and I were in Michigan celebrating his **parent's 70th** wedding anniversary. Can you imagine, 70 years? It was a wonderful celebration **and one that doesn't happen for many people very often.** When we returned home, I heard wonderful things about VBS and that everyone had a good time. I hope you come and tell me all about it.

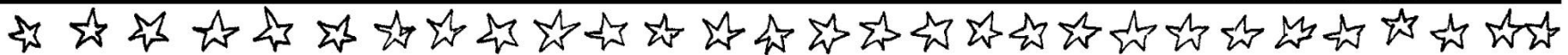
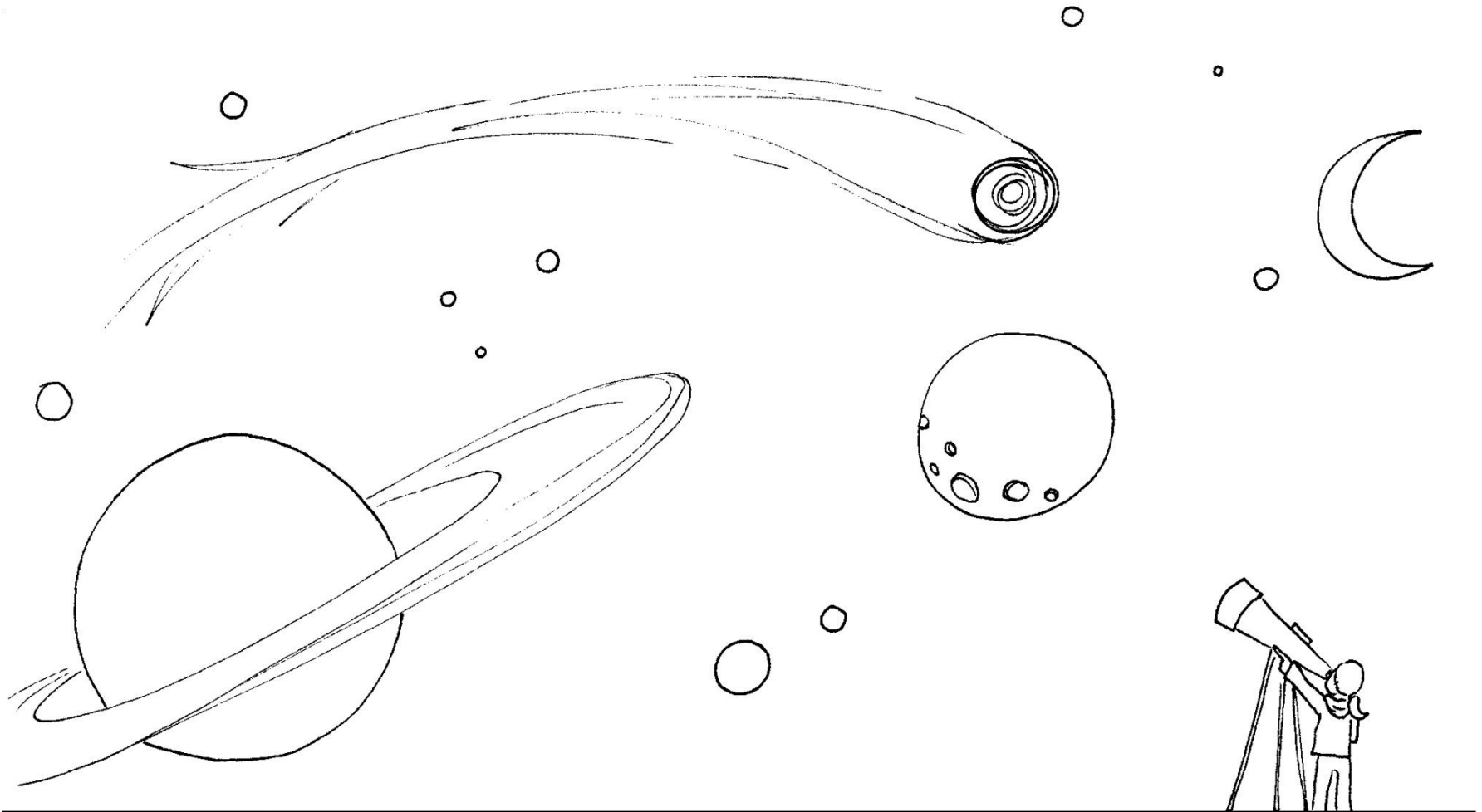
In September many folks are busily planning our fall activities here at Grace Lutheran. Flowers are being gathered for the altar, banners are being hung, music is being selected, retreats are being

planned, and church groups are meeting again to think ahead about things coming in the fall.

Your Sunday School will begin its 2012–2013 year in the church nave, on September 9th at 8:45 a.m. Your Sunday School teachers are preparing their rooms and new lessons and for you. Teachers this semester include: Pastor Bernard (Bible Study), Mrs. Kathy Pavelock (Grades 5 & 6), Mrs. Lorraine Warren (Grades 3 & 4), Mrs. Tammy Moran (Grades 1 & 2), and Mrs. Kate Hurrle (Grade K). Our substitutes are: Mrs. Karen Devan, Mrs. Teri Devan, and Mr. Aaron Bahr. Mrs. Kelly Gilbert will continue to meet with our **Mary Martha "Friends Into Serving Him" teens.** They will also continue with their confirmation studies led by Pastor Bernard.

We have much to be thankful for and much to plan for. We hope you are planning to be a part **of the fun.** Have a safe return to school and I'll see you again soon.

Linda Bahr
Chairman of Christian Education



The Heavens declare the glory of God.

Psalm 19:1

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Birthdays

- 9/1 Barbara Brinck
Kiara Burton
Emma Hurre
- 9/3 Rebecca Harrington
- 9/4 Marie Parent
- 9/7 Dolly Fowler
Alice House
Parker Scholl
- 9/9 Nkai Harmon
- 9/10 Velma Smolsey
Skye Wall
- 9/15 David C. Devan
- 9/17 Gage Everitt
- 9/18 DeLarno Burton
- 9/19 Bradey Narolis
- 9/21 David Eaton
- 9/22 Glen Bahr
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- 9/26 Jamison Everitt
- 9/28 Nelda Stevenson
- 9/30 Beth Scholl

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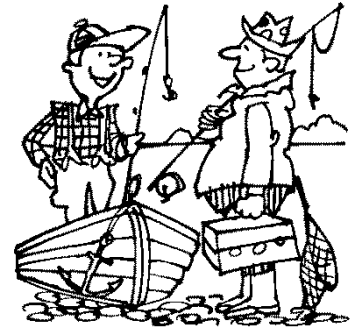
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- 9/11 Karen Devan
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- 9/19 Dana Smith
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- 9/? Marie Parent

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- 10/1 Phillip M. Neumiller
Marie Parent
- 10/2 David C. Devan
- 10/3 Susan Dodge
- 10/6 Gale Hedgecock
- 10/9 Anna Gilbert
- 10/12 Tina Jones
- 10/13 Charles Flay
- 10/14 Gage Everitt
Jamison Everitt
Ashlee' Gilbert
Parker Scholl
- 10/16 Alice House
- 10/19 Beth Scholl
- 10/21 Kelly Gilbert
Millie Weismuller
- 10/23 Gordon Medley
- 10/28 Aaron Bahr
- 10/29 Rhiannon Snyder Kaplan

Wedding Anniversaries

- 10/2 Beth & Greg Scholl
- 10/9 Dolores & Doug Antl



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- 9/1 Jeanne & Paul
Griffin
- 9/2 Bill & Tabitha
Minor
- 9/3 Kendall & Jim
Seybert
- 9/5 Lorraine & Roger
Warren
- 9/6 Amy & Shad
McCormick
- 9/8 Barbara & Terry
Hartman
- 9/23 Dionne & Joe
Underwood
- 9/24 Dana & Bob Smith
- 9/27 Kathy & John
Pavelock



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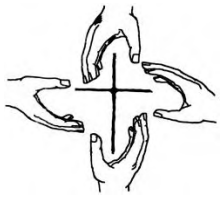
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From the Pastor

I am in one of those reflective moods – sickness and medical issues will do that to a person sometimes – so I guess I will use this column to vent and challenge this time around.

- First of all – THANK YOU to those who have called; emailed and sent cards to Ruth and me this past week and a half. We are thankful for your prayers and thoughtfulness. For Ruth, I still seek your prayers – we still seek answers. Jeremiah 29:11 comforts us.
- What does your Christian faith mean to you? As a past circuit Counselor and current Regional Vice President, I have often found myself in strange and sometimes uncomfortable circumstances. This past week I heard of a congregation that is canceling its mid-week Advent and Lenten services – to save money. What's that all about? The Church of Jesus Christ – existing to make money – or put another way – to not lose money. Seems as if someone had calculated the extra services would “Cost too much money for the number of people who would attend,” and the congregation cancelled services.

Call me out of touch, but would it not be the “right thing to do” for the members to encourage greater participation in those worship services? Or maybe the Church changed things and I was not notified. I Guess I will have to reread my old Greek Text and see if Jesus says in Matthew 18:20 “Wherever 50 or more are gathered in My name...” or if in Matthew 28 He said, “Go and get more money in the plate and bodies in the pews in order to be financially solvent.”

- It's coming again. You know it – the Holiday Season. The commercial world has been preparing for Christmas for a couple of months now. The Church traditionally takes a slower, more contemplative attitude. December 25th will come the day after December 24th no matter how we rush our preparations. Let's slow down and wait patiently: remember: today is the oldest you've ever been, yet the youngest you'll ever be - so – slow down, enjoy and thank God for his bounty.
- Here's one that left me with my lower jaw somewhere down around my ankles. I met with a group of people (OK, a church) a while back because they were having some problems. I encouraged them and offered that the very first and most important thing they needed to do was to come together regularly and PRAY. They told me ... are you ready for this? They told me ... oh yes, did I mention that this was a Lutheran Church? They told me: “We have done that already. It did not work.” *Lord, have mercy!*
- I sometimes get very uncomfortable when people refer to our national Day of Thanksgiving as “Turkey Day” and then go about gorging themselves on food and crashing in front of the “flat screen” for an extended inoculation of football punctuated by a nap and more food. In days gone by, Thanksgiving Day was a day dedicated to giving thanks to Almighty God for His many blessings, for His protection and for the bounty of the harvest. People gathered in their houses of worship; they gathered around bounty-filled tables in their homes and they celebrated the blessings and goodness of our Gracious God. Let's return to that kind of Thanksgiving celebration.
- It's fall and churches typically undertake Stewardship campaigns. And members typically stay home so they do not have to hear about the church's need for money. I was just thinking – Do you like your church? Do you like being able to come to church on Sunday? Do you like the fact that the heat works on those cold fall and winter Sundays? Do you like the candles, the banners, the hymnals, the paraments, all the stuff that makes this place your church? Do you like the fact that we have a very active Sunday School? Do you like the fact that we support mission endeavors around the world?

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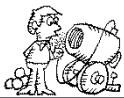
From the Pastor (cont.)

Do you know how all that happens? Yeah, someone has to pay the utility bills, the salaries; someone has to pay for the educational material, for the worship supplies, for the repairs and upkeep of the building. Do you know that the church relies on the work of dedicated and passionate volunteers to do much of its work? And did you know that all those costs and many more have not risen in the past fifty years, and that the church has many more volunteers than it has opportunities to serve?

- Well, OK, all of that was true, except for the last statement. Consider your stewardship of God's gifts. Consider what will happen when the church you attend is no longer able to pay its bills. Consider what will happen when no one is willing to volunteer, etc. Then what will you do? Where will you go? Ask yourself now, "What is God calling me to do for His Church?"

Thanks for indulging me and reading this. May God bless you and your stewardship of His bounty.

Pastor David Bernard



Paul Says...

You know you're getting fat when you sit in your bathtub and the water in the toilet rises.

Dem Bones, Dem Bones

There are five main bones in the body of the Church. The wishbone wishing somebody would do something about it.

The jawbone doing all the talking but nothing else.

The knucklebone that knocks everything.

The backbone that carries the load and does the work.

And the funnybone that sees the hand of God in it all.

Submitted by Gale Hedgecock



ANNUAL ELECTION DAY EVENT **Chicken 'N Biscuits Dinner**

Tuesday, November 6, 2012
from 4:00-7:00 PM

\$8.00 for Adults, \$6.00 Small Size,
children under 4, free!

Menu Includes:

Chicken in Gravy over Biscuits

Mashed Potatoes

Baby Carrots, Cranberry Sauce

Homemade Pies, and Beverage

Take Outs Available
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Dinner is sponsored by Mary Martha
Lutheran Woman's Missionary League
3965 Carter Road, Canastota.

The Calling

I was recently asked to write an article about my teaching and what I love about it. At first glance this is an easy question to answer but in actuality it is not. Most Teachers have a lifespan in the profession of 5 years. I wonder how that can be since I have known a few teachers working into thirty and forty years. It is the vast amount of people coming into the profession that leave after a year or two in search of grander opportunities. I have been tempted throughout my career to leave the profession in search of more money or somewhere with a clock to punch in and out without bringing any work home with me. When Harford Lutheran was closing I stood before my 8th grade class with teary eyes as they asked me what I would do now. I informed them that I was good with my hands and had worked construction before. I did chef work at a restaurant up in New York and have worked sometime in the music industry as a side. These I said are things I can do, but this as I pointed at them was what I wanted to do. That is when I received the call from Trinity (My present employer) and continued on the mission I chose.

One stipulation for Trinity was that I would teach Christian Education. I was very nervous at this news. I had taught Latin, Spanish, Carpentry, Music, Social Studies, Literature, Physical Education, English, Grammar, and even some Math. Christian Ed. was not on my repertoire list and I wasn't sure I was the right candidate for the job. I started thinking back to my childhood and shook my head. **How in God's name am I going to be able to pull this one off?** I mean when I was 7 I was the last person on earth that people around were thinking would lead Youth on their Christian life walk. I accepted the challenge prayerfully and here I am today teaching Civics, Physical Education and Christian Education. This calling by trinity converted me into a better teacher and person.

I think that the biggest challenge in my teaching is that the kids now days have much more to deal with than I ever did. Almost half of my students come from homes of separated or divorced parents. The attitude in the house points fingers at the other parent often leaving my student

caught in the middle. More than 50% of my students do not attend church on any sort of basis other than weekly Chapel. My students are also sheltered and over nurtured. Because of this fact, when something goes wrong in their life they do not know how to deal with it correctly. When something is out of control they think they can demand it back into control and when this does not work, they break down. Bullying is at an all-time high and the kids cannot escape it. When I was a kid we could go home and have respite for a night but they have texting and internet where they cannot escape. I also have now come to realize that I am the only male avenue to God in their lives. This puts an awful lot of pressure on me that I do enjoy. The challenge of all this is what I focus most of my Teaching preparation on.

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Fall Worship Schedule

Thanksgiving and Advent are quickly approaching. Please take note of the upcoming mid-week and special services.

Thanksgiving Eve service with Communion will be on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 7:00pm.

Advent mid-week services begin on Wednesday, December 5, and continue every week until Christmas. Services begin at 7:00pm with a potluck supper preceding the service at 6:00pm.

The Sunday School Christmas Program will be held during worship on December 23. Christmas Eve is the following day, and the Candlelight Vigil will start at 7:00pm.



God's Alphabet

Although things are not perfect
 Because of trial or pain
 Continue in thanksgiving
 Do not begin to blame
 Even when the times are hard
 Fierce winds are bound to blow
 God is forever able
 Hold on to what you know
 Imagine life without His love
 Joy would cease to be
 Keep thanking Him for all the things
 Love imparts to thee
 Move out of "Camp Complaining"
 No weapon that is known
 On earth can yield the power
 Praise can do alone
 Quit looking at the future
 Redeem the time at hand
 Start every day with worship
 To "thank" is a command
 Until we see Him coming
 Victorious in the sky
 We'll run the race with gratitude
 eXalting God most high
 Yes, there'll be good times and yes,
 some will be bad, but...
 Zion waits in glory, when none are
 ever sad!

The Calling (cont.)

Jesus always taught us about seeds in the Bible. In Matthew we learn about the Sower (Matthew 13: 1-22). This shows us the different areas these seeds fall on to grow into plants. I consider all my students my seeds and myself, the path that they have fallen on. It is now my responsibility to be the Gardner to produce the plant. I need to water them a lot, but not enough to drown them. I need to give them enough light but not enough to burn them out. Their minds and attitudes are so fragile in this state I have to be on guard and prepared for their every question and concern. I am not the only Gardner in this equation so how do I make sure they stay upright in their walk with God? It is tough to learn how much and what these kids need to learn to love Jesus unconditionally and eternally. In some cases their parents resist and the kids want to go to church but their parents will not bring them. Sometimes the students receive the message but hit resistance in their neighborhoods or homes and the message fades. I always tell myself each year that if I can **reach just one student who isn't sure of their Christianity** and make them a true believer, it is all worth it. It makes 65 hour coaching weeks and in-service days worth every minute.

I never thought this is where I would be in my life. I always thought I would be doing something else making so much more money living somewhere so much more interesting doing what I wanted always. I thought I would have huge parties and play tricks on authority. I thought I would travel the world and visit exotic places buying exotic things. I thought I would play sports forever and be a star. Now the thought of any of that sounds awful compared to what I have in my calling. This I owe to all the familiar faces from that little church in that little town in central New York. Remembering what my parents instilled and the Church supported throughout my youth made possible what I do today. Thank you for the help in my calling.

"I thank my God every time I remember you." Philippians 1:3

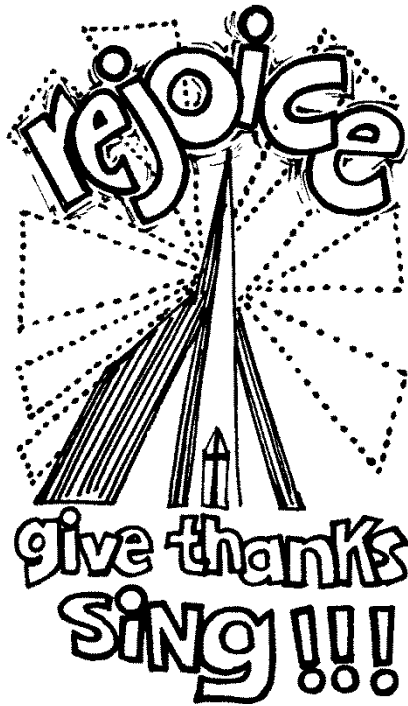
In Him,
 David C. Devan



Voice of the Shepherd

If you have a desire to sing, come along and join us as we rehearse each Tuesday, 6:00 PM.

All you need is a commitment of your time and talents. Please speak with the Choir Director, Karen Devan (761-4004) for more information. Holy Scripture tells us to rejoice with singing and to lift our voices to song.



Birthdays, Baptismal Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you are new to our family at Grace and have not given your information to our newsletter editor, Aaron Bahr, please take one of the pink forms on the corkboard in the foyer, fill it out and hand it to him. You can find him in the organ/choir area after worship.

God Is In Control

"Be still, and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10a

Anyone who has children in their lives has probably uttered "Be still!" on more than one occasion for any number of reasons. You may even know "antsy" adults you would like to tell to "Be still!"

In Psalm 46, God is telling His children to, "Be still.. Enough said already, stop spinning your wheels," he admonishes us. God wants us to realize that He is the One in control.

No amount of worrying, fretting, or concern on our part can change anything. In fact, God views those reactions as distrust.

God is telling us, "Be still. Turn it over to Me. I know your concerns; they are My concerns, too. What you care about, I care about. Trust me. Believe in Me. Be still. I can handle it." God instructs us to bring whatever is troubling us to Him in prayer, and then His Spirit helps us to be still as we await His answer. Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." (John 14:1)

"Be still my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to order and provide; In ev'ry change He faithful will remain."

Heavenly Father, help me always to put my trust in You. Send Your Holy Spirit to calm my soul. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Submitted by Pat Clark
from Mustard Seeds



Blessings for Friends of the Aged

BLESSED are they who understand my faltering steps
And shaking hands.

BLESSED are they who know that my ears today must
Strain to catch the words they say.

BLESSED are they who seem to know that my eyes are
Dim and my wits are slow.

BLESSED are they who look away when coffee is
Spilled today.

BLESSED are they with a cheery smile who stop to
Chat for awhile.

BLESSED are they who never say, "You've told that
Story twice today."

BLESSED are they who know the ways to bring back
Lovely yesterdays.

BLESSED are they who know the loss of strength I
Need to bear the cross.

BLESSED are they who ease the days on my journey
Home in so many loving ways.

Submitted by Pat Clark for Barb Hartman



I like to stop the microwave with one second to go; it
makes me feel like a bomb defusal expert.



Prayers

Please remember those in need and keep them in your prayers...

Remember those who serve in the military, our family of Grace, Richard, Bill, Shirley, Amollia G., Lorraine Christie, Janice Devan Durant, Sharon Knapp, Pauline Smith, Grover Hedgecock, James T. White, Christine Treece, Craig & Susan Hedgecock, Lorraine Sobieraj, Jackie Grimes, Andy Pavelock, Bob & Jenn Hedgecock, Michael Miller, Mandie Egelston, Ann Eldred, Dan Smith & Tony Farrara, Wes Mallore, Robin Piersall, Hayley Miller, Jill Froelick-Jones, Tim Haley, Alaya Johnson, Jean Case, Tyson Fowler, Dick Hopsicker, an 18-year-old boy suffering from myocarditis, Glade Cook Jr., Matthew Brooks, Annie Whitney and Duane Treece, Billy, Baby Savannah, Elaine & Eddie Levandowski, Cody Metott, Carmilla Spartano, Judy Williamson, Marge, Lee Della Longway, Joe & Alice Spear, Josh Sobieraj, Ethan Paredes, Judy Dappen, Ryan Oldorff, Glenda Pit, Susan McLaughlin, Evelyn Benjamin & Charlie Kirk Darwin Manley, Steve Springer, Paul Clark Sr., Pastor and Ruth Bernard, Andrew Marris, Barb Brinck, and Ginny Wendt.

A Little Story

This is a story about four people named

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and
Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.
Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.
Somebody got mad about that, because it was
**Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could
do Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody
could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody
wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed
Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could
have done!**

Kidz Korner

Can you believe we have been back to Sunday school for two months already? Time sure moves fast, doesn't it? It is good to see so many of you coming to classes. We have a total of 18 children coming to Sunday school at Grace. Our teachers are working hard to make you feel welcome and teach you the Word of God. I hope you are enjoying your class.

I have good news! We have opened a new class. Mrs. Teri Devan has stepped up to teach a Sunday school class for our teenagers. Materials have arrived and the class began in mid October.

As fall progresses we prepare for Thanksgiving and Advent. November is the month that we begin working on our Sunday school Christmas Service. This year the service will be held on Sunday, December 23rd at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to take part in this year's Christmas Service you must let your teacher know by November 11, 2012. Parts will be given out to students who wish to participate on November 18th. Only those students who are present that day, or who have indicated that they want to

participate, will be given parts. Students are expected to attend Sunday school for rehearsals each Sunday from November 18th through December 23rd. Our dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 22nd at 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Our service is entitled, "JUBILEE" written by Terry Dittmer. It is full of fun and excitement. You won't want to miss it.

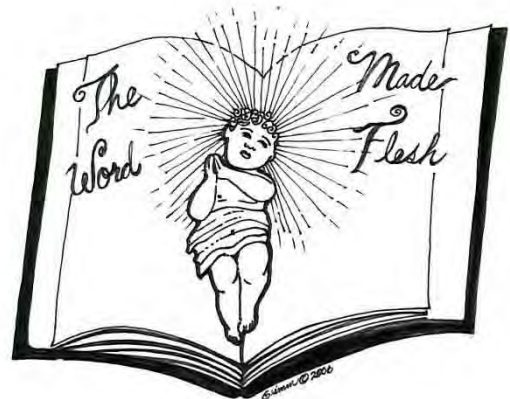
There is so much to look forward to in the next few weeks. The colors of the leaves on the trees have changed from green to red, yellow, orange and brown as the trees go to sleep for the winter. The colors on the altar are changing too, so, keep a lookout for the changes. Advent candles will soon be burning. Do you remember how many weeks there are in Advent? What color are the candles?

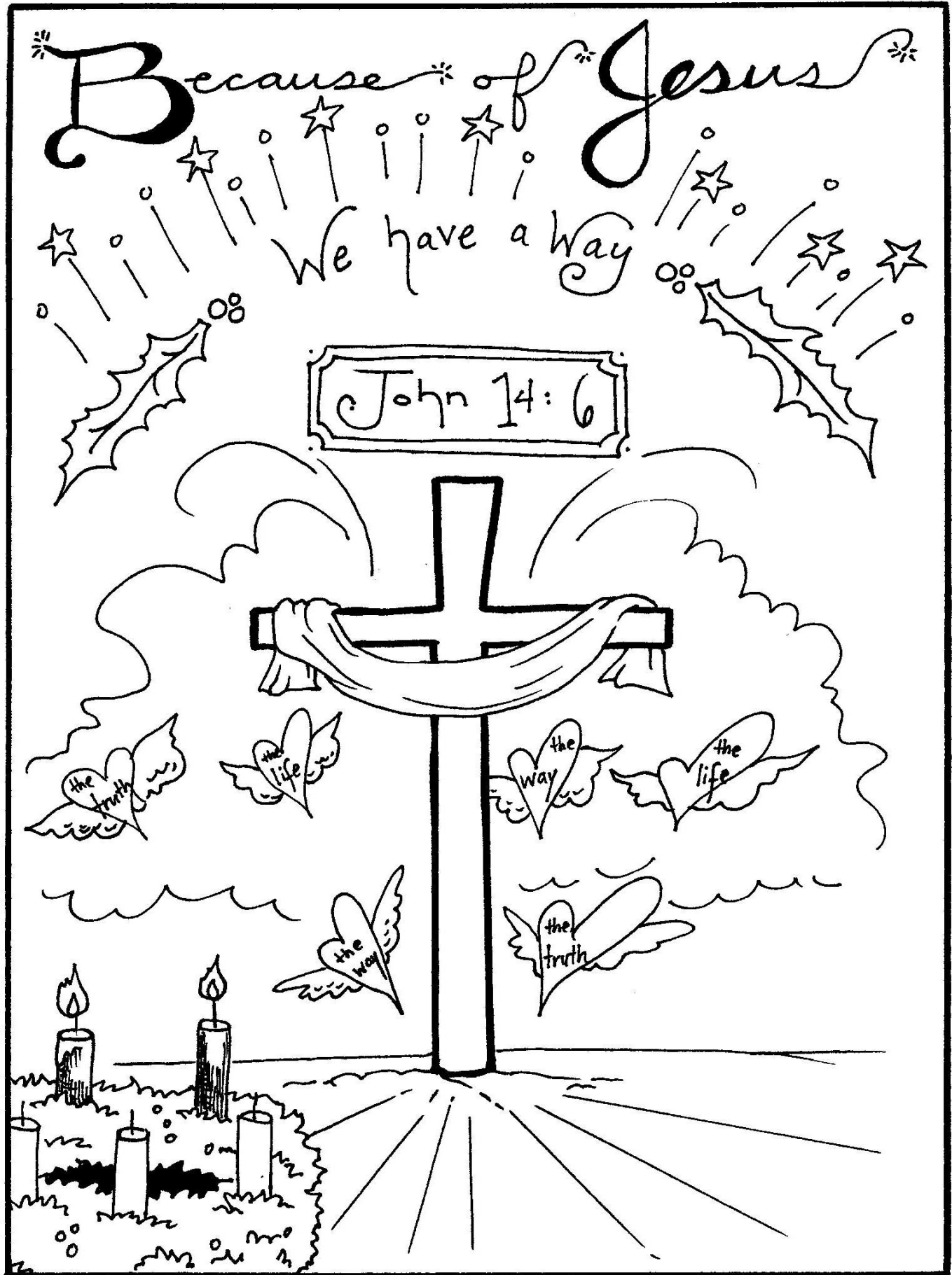
It is an exciting time of year. I am looking forward to seeing your smiling faces each Sunday.

God bless you, every one

Mrs. Linda Bahr

Chairman of Christian Education





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 11/8 Myah Harrington
 Hannah Harrington
 Jane Storace
 11/9 Glenna Deeley
 Adam DelaRoche
 11/11 Mark Antl
 11/15 Shelley Clark
 11/17 Adam Moran
 11/19 Charlene Kirk
 11/21 Roger Warren
 11/28 Steven Devan

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- 11/7 Glen Bahr
 Skye Wall
 11/9 David Eaton
 Sandra O'Connor
 11/15 Jeanne Griffin
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Wedding Anniversaries

- 11/29 Jane & David Gualtieri

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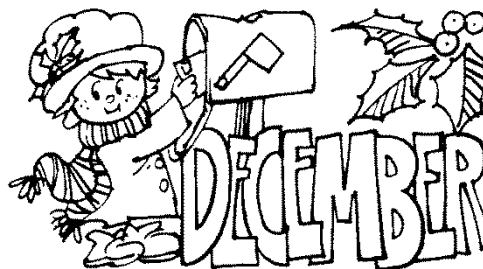
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 12/9 Marie Romano
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 12/11 Dolores Antl
 12/14 Lauren Warren
 12/17 Mason Moran
 12/25 Jesus Christ,
 Our Lord and Savior
 12/29 Melissa Varacalli

Baptismal Birthdays

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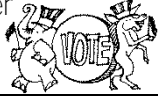
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25 8:45A SS/BS 10:00A <u>Worship</u> <i>Holy Communion</i> 11:00A Fellowship	26	27 10:00A Women's BS 6:00P Choir Practice	28	29 5:00P Confirmation Class	30	

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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2 8:45A SS/BS 10:00A <u>Worship</u> <i>Holy Communion</i> 11:00A Fellowship, Deacon Bd meet.	3	4 10:00A Women's BS 6:00P Choir Practice	5 6:00P Covered Dish Supper 7:00P <u>Midweek</u> <u>Advent Service</u>	6	7	8
9 8:45A SS/BS 10:00A <u>Worship</u> 11:00A Fellowship	10	11 10:00A Women's BS 6:00P Choir Practice 7:30P LWML Christmas Dinner	12 6:00P Covered Dish Supper 7:00P <u>Midweek</u> <u>Advent Service</u>	13	14	15
16 8:45A SS/BS 10:00A <u>Worship</u> <i>Holy Communion</i> 11:00A Fellowship	17	18 10:00A Women's BS 6:00P Choir Practice 7:30P Council Meeting	19 6:00P Covered Dish Supper 7:00P <u>Midweek</u> <u>Advent Service</u>	20	21	22
23 8:45A SS/BS 10:00A <u>SS Christmas</u> <u>Program</u> 11:00A Fellowship	24 Christmas Eve 7:00P <u>Candlelight</u> <u>Service</u>	25 Christmas 	26	27 Newsletter Article Submission Deadline	28	29
30 8:45A SS/BS 10:00A <u>Worship</u> <i>Holy Communion</i> 11:00A Fellowship	31					

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